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## THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

**Explaining Dover.**

Thus a Coalition paper—which had predicted "at least a four-figure majority for Major Astor"!—"The result was not unexpected." And thus another—which had said that "an avowedly Independent candidate has no chance against a declared Conservative": "Sir Thomas Polson never concealed the fact that he was a Conservative, which largely accounts for his success"! That's all!

**Parsons and Politics.**

Whilst we recognise the right of every clergyman, in his capacity as citizen, to take any part he considers right in political affairs, we strongly resent the action of the clergy of Dover in issuing a semi-episcopal encyclical in favour of a particular candidate. Such a course is not calculated to promote harmony in the House of God. The job of parsons is to guide us to Heaven—not to Westminster.

**A Dover Signboard.**

Thus the sign of the old "Bull Inn" at Buckland, near Dover:

When money's gone and credit's bad
It's that which makes the Bull run mad.

Substitute "John" for "the" in the last line, and there you are!

**The Indian Viceroyalty.**

We are afraid that Lord Reading, in going to India, is asking for trouble. It looks as though the first job of the new Viceroy will be to quell a widespread rebellion. Lord Birkenhead knew something when declining the post.

**The Honours List.**

Everybody will sympathise with His Majesty the King on the most embarrassing position in which he has been placed over the knighthood conferred on Mr. Gilbart Denham, alias Mr. Wilfred Denham, alias Mr. William Denham, alias Mr. Gilbert Denham. Those who recommend people for titles should at least know their names.

**Farrow's Bank.**

We are overwhelmed with piteous letters from depositors in this concern. We shall watch the liquidation very closely in the hope that a more substantial dividend than that already announced may be paid; and we may add that we used our best efforts to induce the Chancellor of the Exchequer to exercise his influence with the big Banks to prevent the catastrophe.

**A Suggestion.**

Why not call upon these big Banks to disgorge a portion of their unclaimed dormant balances for the relief of the Farrow sufferers? Come, Mr. Chamberlain, here's a fine chance!

**More Compliments.**

Thus a correspondent from Erith: "A Business Government would mean the ruin and damnation of everything and everybody." Then we evidently already have one!

**A South Hackney Rumour.**

The latest rumour is to the effect that Mr. George Lansbury proposes to contest South Hackney in opposition to ourselves at the next General Election. Has Poplar had enough of him? In any case, if he comes down our alley he is assured of a very warm reception.

**The *Daily Herald*.**

By the way, though the *Herald* has raised its price to twopence and is boasting of as large a circulation as ever, it is still cadging Trades Unions for donations towards its maintenance. When will it emulate the example of the "Capitalist Press," and do something for the practical relief of industrial distress?


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**The British Legion.**

This, we understand, will probably be the title of the amalgamated ex-Service associations. Assuming it includes the naval element, we think it hard to beat; otherwise, the Blue and Khaki League would have been the thing. We are, however, delighted to know that all goes well with the fusion.

**A Parson's Story.**

Here's a story sent us by a parson in Vancouver Island, B.C. Asking an Irishwoman why she did not come to his church, she replied: "Och, I came once and it was raining. So I stayed in the porch, and no one said 'How do you do?' or 'Go to Hell,' or anything else; so I don't think I will come again." Now, if *we* had said that!

**Good News for Us.**

A Birmingham correspondent tells us that, being recently in a difficulty in getting the kitchen fire to light, he was reluctantly compelled to requisition a back number of this journal—when, to his amazement, he found that "it would not burn," and he delicately hints that this may be a source of spiritual consolation to ourselves. So may it be!

**The Social Scourge.**

In continuation of his revelations with regard to the hidden plague, Mr. W. Charles Pilley will write a powerful article next week, entitled "The Massacre of the Innocents."

**Our Maiden Speech.**

A correspondent calls our attention to the following sentence in our maiden speech in the House of Commons in January, 1906: "I am here to oppose all fads and 'isms,' and nambypamby interference with the liberty and freedom of our common citizenship." And we are still there for the same purpose

**Those War Criminals.**

How Germany *is* fooling us! By way of diverting our attention from the Allied list of alleged criminals, she is trying a few tinkers, tailors and blacksmiths on her own account, and sentencing them to various terms of imprisonment—all of which will doubtless be commuted. As in the case of Indemnities, it looks as though the position is "Nothing doing."

**Faked Figures.**

When will Lady Astor and other "Temperance" fanatics learn to understand figures? When they talk about the amount "annually spent on drink" they entirely ignore the fact that the bulk of the money goes to the State in the shape of revenue, and also that "the Trade" in its various departments finds work for hundreds of thousands of men who would otherwise join the unemployed.

**General Townshend.**

Many readers have written enquiring whether there is any truth in the rumour that General Townshend is shortly retiring from Parliament to take up an important diplomatic position in Turkey. We will take an early opportunity of asking him on his return from France—where he is at present doing splendid work in the interests of the Entente. Meanwhile, we feel fairly confident he will be found on the Independent benches when Parliament reassembles.

**The Victory Bond Club.**

With reference to certain criticisms which have appeared in one of our contemporaries, we would remind members who are in any way dissatisfied with the management of this concern that they are at liberty at any time to withdraw their money. They also have the right of transferring their interest to a French Premium Bond scheme whose operations are conducted in Paris under the sanction of French law, particulars regarding which may be obtained from the Secretary.

**Wiser about the Kaiser.**

By all accounts, the Dutch Government are wiser about the ex-Kaiser. They are no longer anxious that he should stay in the country. As a matter of fact, the Dutch Prime Minister has declared in so many words that the Dutch have the right to put him out if he troubles too much. Why doesn't he make his happy home in England? He would be as safe as the Bank.

**The Living Wage.**

Major-General Ruggles, Secretary of the Officers' Association, states that ex-officers go in for organ-grinding because it is a more profitable profession than taking a job. It is said that they earn, many of them, as much as £10 a day. We do not care if they earn £50 a day. Our belief is that, in most cases, they have been driven to this means of living through lack of the employment they ought to have and would take if they could get it.

**Civil Aviation.**

The Cabinet's decision to grant a subsidy of £60,000 for the development of civil aviation shows an insight we hardly expected. The pity is that it comes so late. No industry has been harder hit than this one, and it is to our discredit that most of the services have practically closed down. If the country is to maintain supremecy of the air it must give adequate encouragement to private initiative, and we hope this subsidy is a sign of better things to come.

**The Bank Bountiful.**

A few issues ago we addressed a candid epistle to the Governor of the Bank of England concerning the inadequacy of the pensions paid by that institution to the widows of former staff men. Said widows have now been notified that their pensions will be increased £20 per annum for the next two years. "The good news reached me an hour ago," writes one of them, "and I attribute it entirely to your eloquent letter. You have earned the gratitude of many poor and needy." So that's that.

**The Liar.**

A very fine specimen of a damned liar is the Captain E. L. Macnaughton who, according to the Yankee *Seattle Union Record*, has been telling an audience in the local Press Club "how Irish people were thrown in flames and suspended with hooks through their jaws until they died, by British Army officers, because they refused to betray their compatriots." Yankees who believe this sort of thing of Great Britain will believe anything; and except that one infamous lie begets another, their beliefs do not matter.

**Labour's Luxury.**

Labour is going to be an expensive luxury to Islington ratepayers. Its majority on the local Council have just carried a resolution to spend £500,000 on a new Town Hall, which will cost nearer £750,000 by the time it is built. Islington's Labour Councillors have in mind the absorption of unemployed. A cynic tells us that he has calculated that, by the employment of, say, 10,571 bricklayers, each man laying 399 bricks a day, with nothing doing in the rainy season, this Town Hall will be erected by A.D. 1971, D.V. We have given up prophesying about anything, but anybody else can have a bet.

**Tuppenny.**

One of the 250,000 schemes, more or less, for the alleviation of unemployment reaching us during the past few weeks is a suggestion from Wallasey. It is that a levy of 2d. a week should be made on every household for emptying the sanitary dustbins. "We all know," remarks the inspired author, "that this work is absolutely necessary, and we all pay for it being done, but who can begrudge 2d. per week?" The twopences are to be "collected by ex-Service men employed at a flat rate of £3 a week." Will anybody who begrudges the money kindly hold up his hand?

**Cuts Both Ways.**

The Bishop of Chelmsford has been gently rapping the knuckles of some of us:—"He dropped a penny in the plate And meekly raised his eyes; One week's rent was duly paid For mansions in the skies." What is the matter with a Church and Clergy whose ministrations produce that type of "worshipper"? Or, granting the sincerity of the "worshipper," is it not obvious that his estimate of the market value of the spiritual guidance is correct? Let us remind his Lordship that these are the days when the Church, like more humble folk, has got to "deliver the goods" or put up the shutters. Religion on a "Sale or Return" basis ends in ecclesiastical ruin.

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**Sympathetic Solons.**

Malvern must be proud of its Petty Sessional Magistrates. They have distinguished themselves in connection with the melancholy end of little Queenie May Green, a four-year-old child, who was burned to death. The mother was washing in the back kitchen at the time, there was no fire-guard, and the unhappy father, on being summoned, pleaded that illness and other expensive misfortunes had left him too poor to make the purchase. The Solons read the bereaved father a solemn sermon, and demanded ten shillings! We hope to hear, at least, that the eight righteous gentlemen put down a minimum of fifteen pence each to enable Mr. and Mrs. Green to return to their home without further sorrow.

**Hoff of Spilsby.**

One of our Louth readers says impolite things regarding Captain W. Hoff, a Spilsby Guardian of the Poor. A pregnant woman of weak intellect recently brought her seven children into the Workhouse, and she had been followed by her husband, also *non compos mentis*. The man could not be allowed to look for work without taking his wife and children with him. Even if he could, he had nowhere to put them; nothing wherewith to clothe them, and no food to feed them. "The alternative seems to be," said Captain Hoff, "to summon him and send him to prison, and even then we should have to keep him." The remark scarcely indicates a sympathetic nature, and if we may venture a little advice to this gentleman it is that he should cultivate a more decent tongue. The poor have their feelings as well as the rich.

**Treat 'Em Alike.**

Some thirty ex-Service men employed by the Blackpool Corporation are "lent out" to the Fylde Water Board, and feel that they have a grievance because, themselves receiving only 1s. 5½d. per hour, they are required to work alongside men who are paid 1s. 9d. for the same labour. The latter also have the privilege of riding backwards and forwards to their work free of charge on the Corporation trams, an advantage denied to the ex-Service workmen referred to. Blackpool has a reputation for fun—why should it risk acquiring one for unfairness?

**Traps and Cats.**

Great is the lamentation of a lady who has missed several pussies through the snares which abound in her part of the country, Songfield, Kent. "I have had a dog as well as a cat caught in these ghastly, cruel things," she complains, "and another beautiful cat of mine went goodness knows where, and my sorrow in losing it was great." We agree that these gin-traps are very cruel machines. Once caught in them, any animal, however innocent of damage to crops, may suffer agonising torture for hours. What has the R.S.P.C.A. to say about them?

**"The Soldier Slighted."**

The Bournemouth Distress Committee has been grousing because of the "almost exclusive preference" that has lately been given to ex-Service men in the provision of employment. What a shameful complaint! Have not the men who, by agony and wounds, preserved the amenities of Bournemouth for the enjoyment of so many of the idle rich, the first and most unquestionable right to employment? It is regrettable that Bournemouth's first manifestation of ingratitude to the fighting man should come from such a body as the Distress Committee. It is no light thing to flout the wishes of the King.

**A Disgraceful Sentence.**

Arriving at Beeston Station shortly before midnight, one Crane became abusive when asked for his ticket, and on being taken to an office declared that he would sleep there the night. When he was turned out he struck a policeman violently with a knob-headed stick, cutting his eye so badly that it had to be stitched up at the hospital. The policeman's tunic was produced in Court, saturated with blood; and in spite of this, and the fact that Crane had rather a bad Army record, the Nottingham Magistrates merely imposed a fine of twenty shillings, thus totally failing to make the punishment fit the crime.

**A Heavy Hand.**

Though it is probable William Broadhurst, of Oakengates, aged 69, did alter or cause to be altered his baptismal certificate with a view to obtaining an Old Age Pension, we certainly do think the Wellington Magistrates came down upon him, considering his age, with too heavy a hand when they sentenced him to a month's imprisonment. The Rev. W. P. Nock, one of them, ought surely to have endeavoured to temper the excessive severity of the other, Mr. J. C. Clay. "He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth," saith Solomon the son of David, "but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he." The rev. gentlemen must feel rather miserable.

**Freedom for the Hair.**

A petty form of tyranny has been started at St. Peter's Girls' School, Norbiton. An order went forth that all girls must attend school with their hair either bobbed or plaited, though no statute of law seems to have been quoted. Three children disobeyed, and, like moral outcasts, were made to sit apart from the rest of the class as wicked defaulters. Surely parents are the best judges of the proper way to deal with their youngsters' hair.

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**Landed.**

There is very great dissatisfaction among ex-Service men seeking a livelihood on the land in Carmarthenshire at the prices of holdings wrung out of them by the County Council. We have it that for land which the civilian was able to obtain in pre-war days at 23s. 6d. an acre, the Council now exacts from ex-soldiers £4 15s., and this with all the *flair* of philanthropy! How the men in such circumstances can be expected to get their bread out of it is what they themselves cannot for the life of them understand.

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**"Crown" Crimes.**

What a pity it is that so many crimes are perpetrated in the name of the "Crown" for which the King is tacitly held to be responsible. For instance, at the present moment a great number of "Crown leases" are falling in round St. Pancras, and the "Crown Authorities" are indulging in the outrageous procedure of putting in exorbitant claims for dilapidations in order to force the surrender of the properties. His Majesty, of course, has nothing whatsoever to do with this. All "Crown" property was surrendered long ago. And there are no better landlords than the King and the Prince of Wales, so far as their own private properties are concerned.

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**A Cursed Traffic.**

We trust that the Englishman's love of animals is not to become a mere tradition, but there appears to be some danger of it. Never a week passes without our attention is drawn to a disgracefully lenient sentence imposed by a local Magistrate on some cad or other guilty of heartless cruelty. Now we are horrified to find that the hateful traffic in old and worn-out horses has been resumed with the Continent, a vile commerce that we hoped had been not only scotched, but killed. Every lover of animals looks to the Government to stop this hideous trade, whereby old and faithful servants are sent abroad to end their lives in misery. *The smaller ports must be watched.*

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**Dundee's Decision.**

"A Scot in London" is very curious to know whether it has yet been explained how the muddle in counting the votes occurred in Dundee Eighth Ward at the recent municipal election. According to the Polling Sheriffs, he says, only 4,181 votes were recorded, whereas the actual result came out at 5,240, while in the subsequent recount the total votes recorded amounted to 4,179. It is difficult to say how these things do arise, but in one form or another they occur at practically every election throughout the country. Sometimes a counting clerk does the deed, and sometimes bundles of votes counted in one direction mysteriously appear in another. A scrutiny, however, usually clears up the discrepancies.

**"Child Slaves of Hong Kong."**

With reference to the denial of the Colonial Office that female children are bought for improper purposes in Hong Kong, Mr. Alfred Langshaw, of Birkenhead, tells us that some time ago he was in Ship Street and Springfield Street there, both being lined with houses of ill-fame. "I had conversations," he adds, "with several of these unfortunate girls, who either said they had been sold to 'Madame'—as the keeper is called—or else they knew no different than that they had just come there." Any other witness?

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**Let there be Light.**

We should like to have a little more light than is at present available on the proposal of H.M. Office of Works that the Treasury shall sanction the creation of a Works Department at an initial expenditure of £28,000 on plant, £4,000 a year on staff, and £900 a year plus bonus for managerial salary. We thought Mr. Lloyd George had given strict instructions that no new public expenditure not imperatively necessary was to be incurred by Government Departments Some of them seem to have the audacity of Old Harry.

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**A Puritan Rebuked.**

The Rev. T. F. S. Stephens, Vicar of Eaton, near Chester, objected to a small sum of money—the balance of a fund raised by means of whist drives and dances to provide soldiers with comforts—being contributed towards the cost of a war memorial in the parish church, going so far as to call the idea "revolting." The Chester Consistory Court has now put this puritan parson right by declaring that the money is not tainted and can properly be used for the purpose named. The Chancellor, moreover, rebuked the intolerant cleric for his share of the "unseemly wrangling" that occurred in the Court. What a pity it is that some people cannot be holy without making themselves ridiculous also.

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**A "Roll of Honour."**

With regard to certain remarks we passed respecting the National Publishing Company, of 1, York Place, Baker Street, in our issue of December 25th last, we have since had further information placed before us, and although we still fail to see the attraction of the publication in question, we are assured that it is conducted in a fair and straightforward manner, and that it exercises a strict control over its canvassers—the whole of whom, we are glad to observe, are ex-Service men.

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# AN APPALLING CASE.

## TERRIBLE REVELATIONS OF PARENTAL NEGLECT—A WOMAN ON THE BENCH.

A TALE of horrible filth and monstrous negligence was lately unfolded at Hexham Petty Sessions, when Robert and Dorothy Davidson were charged with unlawfully and wilfully neglecting their six children aged 15, 10, 8, 7, 4 years and nine months in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering or injury to their health, between June 20th and December 20th, 1920. We would not harrow and disgust the feelings of our readers by enlarging on this wretched theme if it were not that we hold children in reverence, and deem it our duty to give the widest publicity to instances of their ill-usage, more especially when the punishment awarded their tormentors errs on the side of leniency. The details which we have to disclose are revolting, and show to what depths of utter bestiality it is possible for human parents to descend. And even in saying this we feel that we are doing an injustice to the simpler beings of God's creation. The protection and preservation of their offspring is one of the strongest instincts of the beasts of the field. That man, "a little lower than the angels," should prove less regardful of the welfare of his children than are "the beasts that perish" for their young, is a terrible discovery, degrading and shameful; but to find a woman, a mother, utterly indifferent to the clothing and cleanliness of her children, and unconcerned as to their health and nutrition, is appalling. Nevertheless, these were the charges, couched in the stereotyped legal phraseology, brought against Robert and Dorothy Davidson. Let us see to what extent the evidence supported the indictment.

### INSPECTOR WHITE'S EVIDENCE.

Inspector White, of the R.S.P.C.C., had a nauseating tale to tell the Court. In the kitchen of the couple's cottage at Ebchester he had found the child aged eight ill-nourished and insufficiently clad. The abject poverty of the parents might have accounted for this. But the parents were not abjectly poor. They were enjoying an income for which many a married ex-Service man, broken and un-employed, would thank God to-day. The Davidson's money, including £2 contributed by their son, who works at a local colliery, amounted to about £5 a week, to which could be added the value of such privileges as a rent-free house, and free potatoes and milk. Yet that child of eight was not only wasted and half-naked, but filthy also. Another child, aged seven, was in the same condition, and both were verminous. A little toddler four years old was in an even worse condition. Small as were its little feet, its clogs were too tight for it; it had no stockings, and its body covering was a dirty coat too big for it. Its tiny shirt was black with grease and other filth; and in the hair of its innocent head disgusting vermin bred and swarmed. A younger child, an infant nine months' old, was in a yet more evil plight. Lying in a box cradle by the fire, its little legs higher than its head, clad only in a dirty shirt that barely covered its breast, it breathed—a living skeleton. No plump and round and rosy limbs, no dimpled cheeks and hands and feet, the natural right of every babe that's born, distinguished this poor mite. Instead, the bites of unclean parasites marked its shrunken skin. Dirty rags and paper had been that baby's bed.

### SQUALOR.

To describe the condition of the home would have taxed the genius of a Balzac. Under a pile of fetid clothing was found the eldest boy, 15, asleep, begrimed from his work at the pit, his bed a heap of stinking rubbish. Upstairs were burst and repulsive mattresses, covered with ancient rags. Descending to the ground floor the Inspector found the mother in the pantry trying to conceal a bread tin filled with human excrement. Herself verminous, this woman added to the domestic exchequer by milking cows both night and morning, earning seven shillings weekly by her labour. We will not enter into the question of the possible contamination of the milk in such circumstances. This is a point to which the attention of the authorities whose business it is to deal with such matters might well be directed. We could extend this catalogue of filth, but will refrain. Let it suffice that Dr. Marshall, the Medical Officer of Hamsterley Colliery, declared that in the whole of his medical experience he had never seen anything worse than the condition of that house. He had been called in when the last baby was born, but the confinement was over when he arrived, for which he was glad, as the house was *not a fit place for a medical man to stay in*. What excuse had the defendants for the atrocious crime with which they were charged? The woman's—that she was very sorry this had happened; that she had ten cows to milk at 5.30 each morning; that she had to get the children ready (forsooth!) for school; and then had to take her husband his food. The man's—that he got up at 5.30 a.m. for his work, and did not return till dinner-time, it being in summer, eight or nine o'clock when he got home. Even here is no extenuation. He must have known the condition of his home and of his children, and, either from indifference or cowardice, have acquiesced in it.

### THE WOMAN MAGISTRATE.

Amongst the Magistrates who adjudicated in the above revolting case was a woman, Mrs. J. C. Straker. When the suggestion to elevate women to the Bench was first mooted, it was greeted with general favour for the reason that it promised to provide a further and much-needed safeguard where the interests of children were concerned. It is the more surprising, therefore, that the two Davidsons, instead of being punished to the utmost rigour of the law, which they richly deserved, were merely bound over for six months in the sum of £5 each. If the Magistrates' leniency had arisen from a desire to save the children from the stigma of the Workhouse, by refraining from sending the guilty parents to hard labour, we might have understood their motive—even though we had not approved of it. But the children had already been conveyed to the Union, and there remained no reason why their callous and neglectful father and mother should not have been adequately dealt with. We are amazed that a woman Magistrate should have given her assent to such a travesty of justice—and had we less confidence in the maternal sentiments of the sex, might be inclined to question their utility on the Magisterial Bench. We hope, however, that Mrs. Straker was in the minority, and thus was an unwilling party to a shameful leniency.

## A SLIMY ROGUE.

### HUMBLE INVESTORS BRAZENLY BAMBOOZLED.

William Taverner, whose swindling propensities we have so frequently exposed in connection with the National Old Age Pension Trust, the Middle Age Pension Friendly Society and the Belgian Fund, is once again on the war path. This time he is attempting to extract sums of money from humble investors in a share-selling concern called Quarterly Dividends, Ltd. Taverner was finally brought to book in 1918, mainly through the efforts of JOHN BULL in exposing his fraudulent schemes to the authorities. He was convicted at Chester Assizes and sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment. This conviction, however, did not result in deterring him from again resorting to his slimy practices, for he at once made a vain attempt to register a new project called the Mutual Aid Friendly Society. But in November last he succeeded in registering Quarterly Dividends, Ltd., another cunning ruse to provide him with a means of livelihood. Any circular therefrom which bears his name should be completely disregarded.

## ADMISSION REFUSED.

### A MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN.

When Edward Pritchard, a brewer's drayman, of Hereford, was unloading barrels of beer at the White Hart Hotel, Ebbw Vale, the wagon moved, Pritchard fell, and one of the wheels passed over his left leg. The vehicle eventually stopped, after breaking down a wall, through coming into contact with a telegraph post. Mr. Reece, Secretary of the Ebbw Vale Working Men's Hospital, was at once rung up on the 'phone and appealed to for a bed. Although told it was a very serious case, he appears to have refused. As a consequence, the injured man had to be conveyed by motor to the Herefordshire General Hospital, a two hours' journey. There his leg was amputated, but the poor fellow died subsequently of shock and hæmorrhage. In the opinion of the House-surgeon of the Herefordshire Hospital, had Pritchard been admitted to the Ebbw Vale institution in all probability he would have been living to-day and recovering from his injuries. Reece's refusal to take the injured man in was an act of callous cruelty which to us is inexplicable.

## AUSTRALIAN EMIGRANTS.

### THEIR ROOM PREFERRED TO THEIR COMPANY.

Unskilled workmen sent out to Australia by the Oversea Settlement Committee find on arrival that unskilled labour is a drug in the market—that their presence is actually resented by the Australian born. A few weeks ago a deputation of such poor fellows was received by Mr. Cann, the Australian Minister for Labour and Industry, to whom it was pointed out that while in England extensive propaganda work was being carried on with a view to inducing emigration, those who had already arrived "down South" found unemployment and starvation staring them in the face. Mr. Cann declared that the Agent-General in London had definite instructions to the effect that certain classes of labour were not needed in Australia. If the Agent-General in London is aware that the propaganda work now being carried on in England in the interests of the Oversea Settlement scheme does not give a true picture of the state of affairs in Australia he is, in our opinion, to a large degree morally responsible for the distress to these most deserving men.

## ETIQUETTE OF ECONOMY.

### AUTHORITIES VIE IN METHODS OF WASTE.

Economy is undoubtedly a stranger to the Government vocabulary. In the Isle of Ely, the Post Office has abandoned the use of a mail cart which went round the villages with the mails. Instead, each postman has received a new bicycle, purchased at a cost of about £18 each, to which has to be added allowances for up-keep. The postmen have to be up and pedalling by four or five a.m., sort out the mails they receive, and then distribute them, work which takes four or five hours to perform. Ex-soldiers with wounded limbs find the pedalling very trying, but officialdom doesn't mind the wear and tear of men. However, if he can put down his 'phone receiver for a moment, the P.M.G. might look into this. In another case, the War Office is actually preparing for the next war, and already has a staff of remount inspectors and vets. To keep these people employed, they have a scheme for boarding out horses to "borrowers," who pay £7 10s. per year per horse, which becomes their sole property if kept for six consecutive years. Meanwhile, there is work for the inspectors and vets. who visit, inspect and medicine the gee-gees periodically. The horses are to be kept in readiness for the next war, and meanwhile, for fear they may be productive and profitable, it is expressly stipulated in the agreement that "mares may not be bred from." Evidently it is to ensure this that the inspectors and vets. are kept busy.

## THE IVORY CROSS.

### "FREE" TREATMENT THAT IS NOT FREE.

The Ivory Cross, or National Dental Aid Fund, appears to us to be somewhat deviating from the course which it originally laid down for itself. It professes to "provide dental treatment for those who are really poor," and we do not doubt that it does so. In some cases, however, conditions are imposed which might easily render its declared charitable object abortive. This is instanced by the experience of a war widow with children, who last July applied to the Ivory Cross for free treatment. She received in return a printed form asking, amongst other questions, what she could pay towards the cost of her treatment. Her circumstances allowed of no contribution—a fact confirmed by the clergyman who signed the required statement that she was "a suitable person in need." Two months later she received a postcard from Miss Fletcher, the Hon. Secretary, to the effect that, the applicant's "papers being now in order," her name had been placed on the waiting list, for treatment in her turn. That, as we have said, was last September. Towards the end of December the impoverished widow, having expected daily during the previous three months to hear that her turn had come, received a letter which shattered her hopes and shook her faith in the Ivory Cross. "Miss Fletcher, Hon. Secretary, begs to say that there is a very long waiting list of patients who are unable to contribute anything towards the cost of their treatment. If the applicant can contribute or collect as much as £4, an order can be given for immediate attention. A Collectin g Card for the Fund will be forwarded on application. If unable to contribute or collect £4, order of precedence will be given in accordance with money collected or contributed." It strikes us as rather unusual for a charity supported by so many illustrious names to make one of the conditions of its assistance the collection of money on its behalf by the person appealing for aid. If a poor war widow with children could collect £4 for the Ivory Cross, one might suggest that she could collect as much for herself, and obtain dental treatment direct, without troubling the Fund.

## TURNED ADRIFT.

### OFFICIAL TREATMENT OF A BRAVE SOLDIER.

Notwithstanding the King's plea for those who served him loyally in the war, some of the great Government Departments are bad offenders in regard to throwing ex-Service men into the crowded ranks of the unemployed. A sad, if not a scandalous, case has lately occurred in the Department of the Inspector of Naval Ordnance. Early last year rumours regarding a forthcoming "Competitive Examination for appointment to the Clerical Class of the Civil Service (Qualification 12 months' approved service in a Government Department)" were circulated. Temporary clerks were naturally anxious to learn whether the examination would be optional or compulsory, and the following rather ambiguous statement was elicited from the Inspector of Naval Ordnance, Woolwich: "I am not aware that the examination is compulsory for anyone. What happens to those who do not sit is a matter for the Civil Service Commissioners." An ex-Service man, discharged from the Army consequent upon wounds received in action, entered the Department in April, 1918, and for over two years worked hard and unflaggingly, hoping for the recognition and the promotion which was his just due. Believing that the examination was optional, seeing no advantage to be derived from it, and reluctant to incur the cost of the fees, he did not sit. The punishment for his sin of omission was swift. His wounds and service in the field ignored, the King's express desire treated with contempt, he was handed his notice of discharge. Astonished to be singled out for dismissal while men who had entered the Department during the war to escape the Army were retained, he wrote a dignified protest to the I.N.O., Woolwich, who replied that one of the main factors in coming to the decision was that he had not applied to sit for the Civil Service examination. A definite official statement as to the compulsory nature of the examination would have saved him from this. A brave soldier, an earnest worker, to-day he marches with the unemployed.

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# PRISONER AT THE BAR.— ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE BULL.

*(The Government having definitely decided to allow the principal German War Criminals to go scot free, it becomes the duty of Mr. Justice Bull to try them, one by one, at the Bar of British Justice.)*

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Although there is little to choose between the instigators and the perpetrators of German atrocities during the late war, all being alike blood-guilty, I cannot but feel that in you, Prisoner, next to your wretched, pinchbeck master who has been properly condemned, I see perhaps the leading spirit in that campaign of merciless and cold-blooded villainy which shocked and amazed the civilised world, and caused, and will continue to cause, the name of Germany to stink in the nostrils of humanity for generations, if not for all time, to come. The verdict of the Jury has been made known to you. They have found you guilty on every count, and you may expect no mercy from me. But before passing sentence upon you I deem it my duty to bring once more vividly before your mental vision some of your most hideous deeds of infamy. You will first, however, be given an opportunity to speak. Have you anything to say?

PRISONER: Yes, I deny your jurisdiction. As regards what you are pleased to call my "hideous deeds of infamy," I glory in them! With a single eye to the interest of Imperial Germany I was prepared, and should again be prepared, to go to any lengths of so-called cruelty and crime.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Silence, Prisoner! I cannot permit you to make a boast of your evil-doings. To the country which you claim to have served you did perhaps the greatest disservice that the records of human history disclose. You made of the name German a word to frighten children with, a term conveying terror to the tender bosoms of young girls. Is that a thing for pride?

PRISONER: Bah! I have no use for sickly sentiment. I have been found guilty by your packed jury of lily-livered sentimentalists. It is enough. Sentence me, and have done.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Your impudent assumption of contempt for the laws of civilised mankind will not serve you. Listen, Prisoner, to a recital of some of your most appalling deeds. With an utter indifference to those dictates of humanity which even savages share with men who boast a purer morality and a more merciful religion, you issued orders for the destruction by shell and submarine of hospital ships. The sinking of a complement of wounded men on board the *Glenart Castle*, in the Bristol Channel, at 4 o'clock in the morning of the twenty-sixth of February, 1918, was a deed of the most atrocious character. Although she was showing all her Red Cross lights, indicating unmistakably the errand of mercy on which she was engaged, a submarine commanded by one of your creatures opened fire upon her, and of the 182 persons aboard only 22 were saved. That horrifying action was made infinitely worse by the accursed cruelty of your callous subordinate, in attacking the survivors in the boats.

PRISONER: The U-boat commander had reason to suspect that there were belligerents on board, hiding under the shelter of the Red Cross.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: You cannot impose on me with such a feeble and cowardly excuse. Had your murderous agent reason for such suspicions he had the right, according to the laws of war, to stop and search the vessel. He did not stay to do that. I charge you with that execrable and horrific crime! Then there was the hospital ship *Llandovery Castle*, sunk at dusk off the Irish coast with all her lights ablaze. Of the two hundred and fifty-eight persons on board, fourteen were Canadian nursing sisters. Of that large complement only twenty-four survived your murderous attack, for again your paid assassin turned his fire on the boats and made the sea a shambles. Prisoner, my soul shudders as I envision that awful scene. Does not some faint glimmer of remorse glint in your black heart as I recall these items from the frightful catalogue of your crimes?

PRISONER: It was our considered policy to make war as frightful as human ingenuity could conceive; in which, perhaps, we were more humane than those who fight with spineless and misguided chivalry.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Wretched man, each word you utter merely serves to make more plain the absymal depravity of your hateful character. If time permitted, and the facts were not so universally notorious, I could describe the cruel massacre of defenceless men, women and children, that attended the sinking of the *Lusitania*, a crime unparalleled in the whole history of warfare itself, and the wanton and wicked air-raids upon this country, carried out by the naval airships of Germany at your express orders. I must however, recall the boast you made to the United States Ambassador in 1917. You said: "Our submarine warfare is going to bring Britain to her knees, and when we have her there she has to pay us our price: that price will be the British Navy, and with it and our own Navy we shall come to the United States and get what we want." Ah, Prisoner, you hang your head. Unmoved by a recital of your brutal crimes, shame touches you when I recall your vain, bombastic words. In strict justice you should undoubtedly suffer the penalty of death, but after mature reflection I feel that the swiftness and dignity of such a fate would hardly befit the despicable nature of your crimes. The sentence of the Court is that you be deprived of the exalted dignities that in your own country you have for so long enjoyed, and be expelled for ever from the society of civilised people. Still, even this penalty falls far short of your deserts. Realising the enormity of your offences I will not promise you that in a moment of absent-mindedness our own well-equipped air force may not forget your exact whereabouts and commit that sort of "accident" that in your case would be the final word of justice.

## "CULTURE" BY POST.

### OXFORD EDUCATION IN INSTALMENTS.

It is about six months since we drew attention to the activities of the Oxford Correspondence College, St. Giles, Oxford, whereof one Edward Paice, M.A., B.C.L., is the Principal, or "Warden." We warned all in whose hands their circular latters might fall that, while not offering students an actual University diploma, there was an artful and unscrupulous suggestion that the thing they had to tender, a "Testamur," was of value equal to that presented to their successful students by the great Universities. That a person representing himself to be a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Civil Law of Oxford should lend himself to such a transparent bluff is disgraceful. Mr. Paice, however, continues to send out his touting circulars; but since our warning he appears to have gone further afield for his dupes. He is even casting flies in distant Mesopotamia, hoping for a catch. All the methods of the Mail Order tout are used—slightly disguised however, by the superior diction and style one would be entitled to expect of an Oxford M.A. The fees asked for each course are in the first instance high; but there is always the hint that terms suited to the circumstances of an impecunious student might be arranged. The instalment system is artfully adapted to the acquisition of "an Oxford education." Once more we warn those of our readers who thirst for culture that not through the Oxford Correspondence College, Ltd., will their desires be fulfilled.

## FLEECING THE PARALYSED.

### RAILWAY DEMANDS ITS OUNCE OF FLESH.

The term "Excess Luggage," according to Railway Companies, not only means baggage over and above a certain weight, but includes such articles as mailcarts, perambulators and typewriters, even if no other luggage is carried at all. A reader in humble circumstances, recently travelled the short distance from Cardross to Edinburgh, on the North British Railway, and was charged the scandalous sum of 2s. for "Excess Luggage" in respect of a folding cart belonging to his little crippled boy, aged ten, who can neither stand nor walk owing to infantile paralysis. Apart from the fact that no other luggage was carried, the little invalid's cart did not even have to be handled by the railway employees, as it was taken into the compartment by the passenger himself, and stowed away under the seat. It is surely nothing less than an outrage that Railway Companies, although possibly within their rights—most possess Acts of Parliament bestowing extraordinary powers—should be allowed to practise this disgraceful method of extracting money from disabled people. An invalid's chair is often the only thing which gives cripples an opportunity of moving out of their homes and, in some cases, beyond the bedrooms to which the ravages of ill-health have confined them. It is plainly the duty of the Ministry of Transport to abolish such impositions as these, which, when levied on the disabled, especially on a paralysed child of ten, make an already unhappy life still more difficult to bear.

## ENIGMA OF SEVEN PIECES.

### THE PUZZLE THAT BEAT MR. BOTTOMLEY.

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### To the Right Hon. the Earl of Reading.

MY DEAR "RUFUS,"—So you have definitely decided to go to India. In arriving at this decision you have been actuated, I am well aware, by considerations of public duty, as it appears to your mind, rather than of personal aggrandisement; and your sacrifice is accentuated by the condition of the health of Lady Reading, between whom and yourself—if I may for one moment sound a domestic note—there exists such a bond of sympathy as is rarely found in married life in these latter days. Well, you have taken the step, and in the name of all my readers I wish you luck. But it is a bold experiment, for ominous clouds are gathering on the Indian horizon—and even you, perhaps the greatest living embodiment of the principle of *suaviter in modo, fortiter in re*, will find your fine faculties sorely tried to stem the coming storm. Candidly, I am sorry you are going. I think your patriotism has overcome your judgment. But that fact only makes me all the more anxious for your success. God speed you! JOHN BULL.

### To E. W. Langford Esq., Chairman, Farmers' Union.

MY DEAR SIR,—Congratulations on a gallant fight at Hereford—and better luck next time. I remember that you stood down in favour of General Townshend at the Wrekin, and I regret that the Dover election prevented me from taking part in your contest, which was cunningly timed by the Coalition wirepullers to "dish Dover"—albeit their hopes were shattered. Well, stick to the Independent flag and try another constituency—and, together, *we* will do the rest. JOHN BULL.

### To P. T. Chatterton, Esq., Ex-Mayor of King's Lynn.

DEAR SIR,—At the risk of causing you to blush, it is my intention to make famous the good you have done by stealth. For weeks past, unemployed married ex-Service men of King's Lynn have received orders on tradesmen for food and clothing, and, when there has been sickness in the house, for milk, eggs, and delicacies. But you have at last been discovered. Out of the generosity of your heart, and the fulness of your purse, you have been maintaining in secret eighty families of unemployed ex-Service men. You have indeed "a tear for pity, and a hand open as day for melting charity." JOHN BULL.

### To Jimmie Wilde.

MY DEAR JIMMIE,—Whatever induced you to take on Pete Herman? You promised me, after that terrific fight with Joe Lynch—whom you met on equally disadvantageous terms—"never to do it again." For a nipper like you—with all your skill—to give away reach and weight galore is simply asking for trouble, and you must not do it again. Although you lost, you probably put up the fight of your life; but, in future, you must stick to your own category; and if nobody can be found to take you on—well, rest on your laurels.

JOHN BULL.

### To the Rev. J. S. Taylor, M.A., St. Jude's Rectory, Belfast.

DEAR MR. VICAR,—While I have a sneaking sort of sympathy with your complaint that if people want a pleasant duty performed, they often go outside their own parish, but "if sickness or burial have to be attended to they fall back on their own church," I cannot think you are altogether right when you publicly declare that people of one parish who marry in another usually do so "for the sake of secrecy," nor do I agree with the threat to your parishioners who do not employ your services to post the Registrar's marriage notice "in the absence of banns" within the porch of St. Jude's. If you will consider the matter again, no doubt you will come to the conclusion that this kind of thing is very petulant and paltry in a clergyman, that it is action in mere revenge, and that it can serve no Christian purpose whatever.

JOHN BULL.

### To Gwilym Morgan, Esq., J.P., Swansea.

SIR,—I confess I know not how to approach so exalted a personage as yourself. A Welshman, and consequently living under a special dispensation with a private heaven, perhaps you are not included in the ordinary category of dispensers of decrees who are expected to temper justice with politeness. When you, presumably with regret, announced the decision of the much-divided Bench, over which you presided, granting a solitary hour's extra opening to the local licensed houses on Cup-Tie day, you added, "You are not to keep coming here pestering us again." Permit me to remind you that your position carries with it certain obligations as well as the privilege of adding J.P. to your picturesque name, and that no book of regulations for the amateur cadi includes impertinence as one of the necessary attributes.

JOHN BULL.

### To Malcolm Dillon, Esq., J.P., Seaham Harbour.

DEAR DILLON,—A gamekeeper was brought before you charged with "shooting with intent" at a lad blackberrying in certain preserves, injuring him badly enough to keep him in Sunderland Infirmary six days. This bloodthirsty knave you merely fined £5 with £5 5s. costs, allowing time to pay. The same day two miners were charged with poaching, although the evidence was only suspicion. These men also you fined £5 each—suggesting that it is almost as cheap to shoot at a defenceless boy as to *appear* to be after a rabbit. The agent of a large landowner should have a better estimate of values. JOHN BULL.

### To The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P., Secretary of State for War.

DEAR "WINNIE,"—Whatever blunders you have made as a politician, you have proved your worth as a painter. The pictures you have shown in Paris in the name of "Charles Morin" are something to be proud of, but what modesty in hiding your name! I hope it will have left you by the time the House re-opens, for nothing would please me better than to see you come in with smock and easel, and a twinkle in your eye, to move the adjournment of the debate. On the other hand, if you intend giving up politics in favour of the palette, you will find the new venture in oils more pleasing than the old one out in the East. JOHN BULL.

### To Mr. George Stone, Dairy Farmer, Bridge, Kent.

DEAR GEORGE,—It is an old story that in telling his bishop some extraordinary yarn or other the curate averred that he saw the thing with his own eyes. "Well," said his Lordship, "as you put it that way I am bound to believe you, but I candidly tell you I wouldn't have believed it if I had seen it myself." That is more or less how I feel about your yarn to the St. Augustine's Magistrates concerning the tramp who mopped up your milk and then added water to it while you fetched him a cup of hot tea. Besides, of two things one; and you told Superintendent Heard previously that the water he found in the milk must have got there through the cows having an overfeed of turnips. I agree with the Chairman of the Bench, in fining you £5, that it doesn't matter anyhow. The adulteration of water was 31 per cent, and that is too much for anybody to swallow. JOHN BULL.

## *In the Barber's Chair* - - - -The Post-master General.

'Ello—'ello! . . . Eh? . . . *Can I cut your 'air if you come round in five minutes?* Cert'n'y. But w'y didn' chew come round instead of ringin' up if you're on'y five minutes away? It's extravagance. . . . Eh? *It don't corst you nothink?* Then 'oo the blazes kin *you* be if it don't corst you nothink to use the telephone? . . . *Bzzzz! Krrrk!! Ping!!!* . . . Quite so. . . . Oh, ring orf, for 'eaven's sake! . . .

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Good evenin', sir. You the gen'l'm'n wot rung me up jest now on the 'phone? . . . I thort p'raps you was. Ah, there won't be very much ringin' up presently if the Postmaster-General gits 'is way. But 'e won't. . . . Eh? *Wot makes me think 'e wont?* Dover does, for one thing. An' jew think the Guv'ment kin stand the 'owls o' protest against the increased rates for calls wot's reachin' 'em from all over the country? If you do, you must either be barmy or you're Mister Illingworth 'isself. . . . Wot? *Thet's 'oo you are?* No wonder you rung me up. As you sed, it corst chew nothink. But if you ain't careful these 'ere new rates'll corst chew your job. Think Lloyd George'll let chew bust up the Guv'ment? Not 'im. 'E'll give you the sack first. . . . Oh, *'e agreed to the increased chawges*, did 'e? Well, let me tell yer 'e's changed 'is mind. P'raps 'e didn' exackly change 'is mind 'isself—Dover changed it for 'im. . . . Wot, *you don't take no notice of a n'unsignificant by-election?* Unsignificant? Wot? Jew know Dover's bin Tory for fifty years? . . . *Do I suggest thet you 'elped to defeat the Co-alition candidate?* Course you did. 'E would 'ave *bin* defeated any'ow, but you gave Polson the 130 over and above 'is 3,000 majority, at the very least. . . It's all very well to say you carn't provide a efficient telephone service at the present low rates. In the first place, it *ain't* efficient. It's bin a joke for years. Apawt from thet, it appears you're tryin' to shove the increased charges on us to-day so as to git money in 'and to-wards the cost o' runnin' the 'phone in three years time! Thet's a pretty fine thing! Youwon't be Postmaster-General then, an' I don't suppose wages an' the corst o' materials will be so 'igh. So w'y shove it onto us before it's necessary, an' p'raps won't be necessary at all? . . .

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*Impertinent remawks?* Wot, mine are? Don' be silly. Think you're cock o' the walk, mister? Don' chew fergit you're a public servant, an' thet your salary comes outer the public's pocket. . . . Wot, *you'll resign if you don't git your way?* An' lose your screw? Oh, I fergot—if you gives up one job you're shore to be shoved into another wot you don't know nothink about, so I s'pose you're safe . . . . Right-'o! Goo'day, sir.

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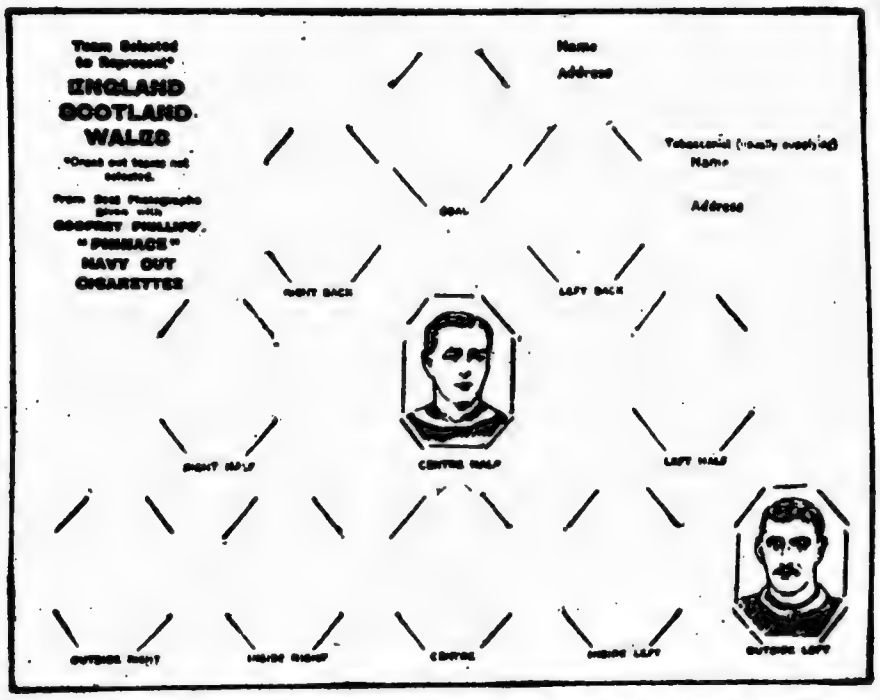


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# NOTICE

## *Dover's Stern Message to the Government—Dea*

*By THE*

I AM afraid I am now a somewhat old hand at the Parliamentary game, and I am not easily excited about the result of a by-election. But, upon my word, this Dover result is the most amazing thing in modern political history; and if only the Independent organisation—which it may interest the Coalition wirepullers to know is infinitely more complete than their own—could have been brought to the aid of Mr. Langford at Hereford, there can be no question that last week would have witnessed a double tragedy for the Government. As it is, the enormous reduction of the Ministerial vote in the one case, and the crushing defeat of the official nominee in the other, constitute an unmistakable mandate to Mr. Lloyd George to mend his ways. Just imagine what we have done at Dover. First of all, a wealthy resident candidate was adopted, and full play was made of the material advantages which the constituency was to reap by making him its member. Then all the power of Sir William Crundall—who for many years has practically run the place—was invoked. Again, the late Member, together with a host of M.P.s, was actively on the scene on behalf of Major Astor—whose War service and wounds, by the way, were exploited to the fullest possible extent; and, over and above all, came the most vicious personal attack upon the Independent, at the instance of Sir William Madge—the Squire of St. Margaret's—through the columns of his Sunday paper. A sordid and one-sided story of unhappy domestic events in the early life of Sir Thomas Polson—nearly thirty years ago—was raked up and disseminated broadcast. It was a painful and pitiful proceeding—and a less strong man than Sir Thomas Polson would have collapsed under it. Like the great fighter he is, however, and splendidly supported by a charming and accomplished wife, he faced the situation with a courage and determination—aye, and with a magnanimity—which soon transformed the poisoned weapon into a fatal boomerang. And, withal, he threw himself heart and soul into a campaign against the wasteful and reckless extravagance of the Government, and brought to bear upon the solution of the country's present troubles the keen insight of an experienced and practical man of affairs. *And he fought openly and unreservedly under my banner of Business Government and Parliamentary Independence!* Let there be no misapprehension on that point. It will be my privilege to introduce him to the House of Commons, and to sit and work with him on the Independent bench—where, with General Townshend and one or two others, we shall, in the coming Session, be an ever-present reminder to Ministers that the country has its eye upon them, and is determined to stand no more fooling.

### The Meaning of It.

I am not at all sure that the capture of this ancient Party citadel does not mean even much more than I have said. May not it reasonably be regarded as a notice to the Prime Minister to quit—and a call to the King to place the government of the country in the hands of an entirely new set of men? Let us just set out the figures of this election and the one before. Here they are:—

| | 1921. | | | 1918. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Polson | ... | 13,947 | Duncannon | ... | 11,249 |
| Astor | ... | 10,817 | Livingstone | ... | 5,121 |
| Majority | ... | 3,130 | Majority | | 6,128 |

Now it will be seen that Sir Thomas Polson's great victory cannot be attributed to the extreme Labour vote, which, coupled with Independent Liberalism—at the General Election—could do no more than poll 5,121. Even if the whole of these votes had been transferred to the Independent—a very improbable supposition—there still remain these two vital factors: first, that despite all the concentrated effort of the combined Party machines, the Coalition candidate has polled nearly 500 less than did the late Member, and 9,000 electors who took no part in the last contest have come out of their shells in opposition to the Government. Now, those are figures which cannot be juggled with by the arithmeticians of Downing Street. They are, too, stirring, startling figures, which stand out in stern condemnation of Mr. Lloyd George and his colleagues, and which he and they will indeed be fools to attempt either to disregard or explain away. They mean that the country will not tolerate another £1,400,000,000 Budget; that the ridiculous and mischievous Excess Profits Duty must go, and thus give commercial enterprise a chance; that all War Ministries and purely War restrictions upon the liberty of the subject must also cease; that all Public Departments must be strictly rationed, and made to cut their coats according to their cloth; that there must be no more Peace parleying with Germany and Turkey; that the Versailles Treaty must be strictly enforced—that, above all things, we must back up France in her determination to see this done; that there must be no more truckling to America—our debt to whom we must liquidate without delay, so that we may be in a position to tell her exactly what we think about her mad naval programme and her systematic attempts to undermine our markets and to influence our domestic politics; the faithful redemption of our solemn pledges to the fighting men; the grappling, on Business lines, with the problem of unemployment; and, finally, they mean that there must be an end to these ridiculous Mandates and military commitments in all parts of the world. These were the specific issues which I put, again and again, to those wonderful meetings held during the election, and which were fully appreciated—and not least by the women, who, after all, are the first to feel in the home the pinch of Government extravagance. Indeed, the women have been splendid. How they have justified the granting of the Parliamentary vote! Indeed, I am not sure that in this crisis of our history, they are not proving the salvation of the British Empire.

THE COALITION CANDIDATE (after the "de-fect"): "Y

# TO QUIT.

## Death of Squandermania—Ministers Who Must Go.

BY THE EDITOR.

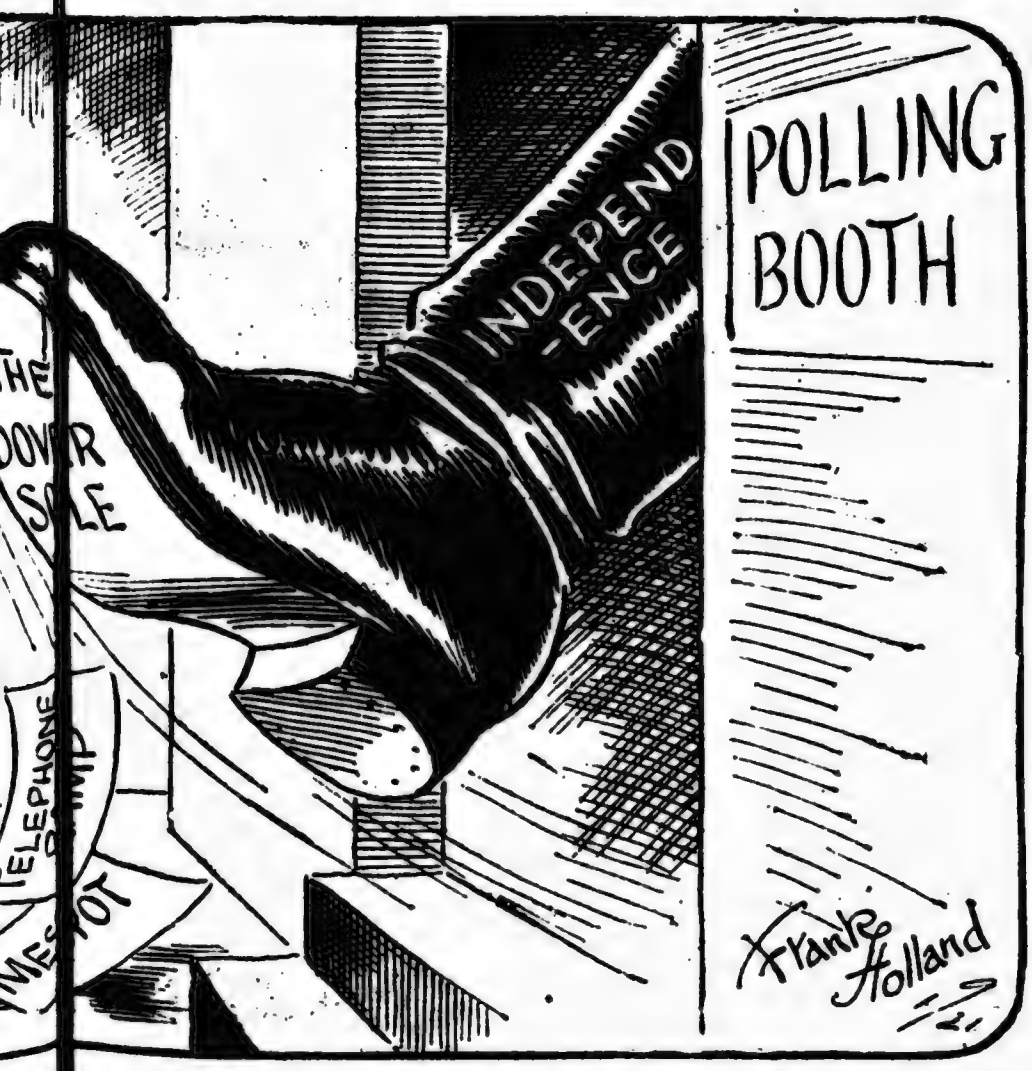
Now let us consider some of the probable immediate effects of the election. Surely Mr. Chamberlain will not have the temerity to submit another Budget on the lines of last year's! Whether he likes it or not, he will have to visualise what he calls "a normal year" or something closely approximating to it. The mad expedient of the Excess Profits Duty must go. He himself admits it is unjust in its incidence and tends to throttle enterprise. Just consider for a moment what it means. A man may have, by dint of industry and frugality, accumulated a few thousand pounds of capital and be desirous of starting a business. If he does so, however, and the thing turns out a failure he bears the entire loss and is probably faced with ruin. On the other hand, should success crown his efforts the Chancellor of the Exchequer steps in and demands 60 per cent. of the profits! In the same way, large undertakings are equally deterred from embarking their capital in extensions of plant and machinery. Is it any wonder that we are losing our trade? No, "E.P.D."—a colloquialism which has become as obnoxious to the business community as "Dora" is to the people at large—must go. But that is not all. Whatever loss of revenue its abolition may involve must be made up—first, by the ruthless cutting down of the Estimates; secondly, as I have said, by the scrapping of all purely War Ministries and organisations; and, thirdly, by a respite from any new legislation entailing further charges upon the public purse. It is up to Mr. Lloyd George to see that his Chancellor of the Exchequer recognises these stern facts. If he fails to do so, he may be quite sure that other constituencies, as opportunities occur, will follow the example of Dover. In any case, these are some of the immediate consequences for which I look as the result of the election. Ministerial reorganisation must at once be taken in hand. It is very distasteful to me, sitting in the House as I do, to have to make invidious distinctions amongst colleagues—many of whom are personal friends. But we cannot stand upon ceremony in a crisis such as this. Let me, therefore, speak plainly as to those Ministers who should without further delay be relieved of their portfolios. I shall suspend my judgment in regard to Sir Eric Geddes, who has not yet had a fair chance with his Transport job—and Mr. Churchill, who has to contend with difficulties and dangers at present unknown to the general public; nor do I intend to suggest that Mr. Lloyd George should give up the reins of office—and the same remark applies to his colleague, Mr. Bonar Law.

### Duds Who Must Go.

Personally, I can say sincerely that I should deeply regret to see a complete change of Government at this stage. It would be fatal to the best interests of the nation. Don't tell me that the Prime Minister cannot find abler colleagues than those whom I have pilloried. Now let us look at a few of the occupants of the Treasury Bench. Mr. Illingworth at the Post Office is impossible. Heavy, phlegmatic, and absolutely devoid of any sense of imagination or humour, he is bringing the whole postal, telegraph and telephone services into disrepute and outraging the sentiments of the public. Sir Robert Horne, a charming man and a brilliant lawyer, is altogether out of his element as President of the Board of Trade—let him be a Law Officer if you like. Neal, Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, and Amery, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, are Parliamentary freaks; and the House very thinly disguises its amused contempt at their Front Bench exhibitions. As to Mr. Shortt, the Home Secretary, I say here what I declared in the House of Commons a few weeks ago—"he is utterly unfit for his office"; and I shudder at the idea of his being pitchforked into a Judgeship. Heaven help the poor devils who might come before him! Of a purely conventional, official type of mind and without any bowels of compassion, it would be a case of the maximum penalty for every offence. I can never forgive him for his callous disregard of that remarkable appeal for mercy in the case of young Saunders, for whose reprieve a petition was signed by as many as 150,000 persons, and into whose state of mind this cynical Home Secretary declined even to hold an inquiry, although his defence was mental infirmity, following a terrible injury to his head which caused his confinement for several months in hospital shortly before the commission of the crime. This, however, is but one illustration of many I could give of the unfitness of Mr. Shortt for his office. The sooner he goes, the better. Then what about Mr. Montagu? Could anything be more deplorable than his exhibition and record over the Dyer case? Some of the effects of his policy are manifesting themselves only too plainly to-day, and I would pity Lord Reading if he starts on his new duties handicapped by such a Chief Secretary.

### Some More Misfits.

For Mr. Chamberlain personally I have sincere regard. He is a much abler man than many people suppose; and although of an aloof and somewhat taciturn disposition, is at heart a downright good fellow. But the Exchequer is not "his pigeon"—as the Americans say. The Colonies—yes, if you like; for he inherits much of the Imperial-Democratic spirit of his great father. Even as Foreign Secretary he would be infinitely better placed than at the Treasury. Then there is Mr. Macpherson—a dismal failure in Ireland, and transferred to the Ministry of Pensions for the sole purpose of saving his face. After all, this particular Ministry demands the presence of a man overflowing with human sympathy and understanding—and I am not at all sure that Dr. Addison's proper place is not there. However, it is useless pursuing these reflections, and it is not for me to suggest who the new men should be. To say that they are not available is equivalent to declaring that Britain is bankrupt of brains—in which case, the sooner she shuts up shop the better. At any rate, Dover has spoken, and I have done my best to interpret its message.




"Yes, JOHN BULL was right. I *was* an ass to risk it!"

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*For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," pages 18 and 19.*

### Meat and Milk.

Importation of cattle from Canada is prohibited, although for over 30 years there has been no disease in that country, while at the same time part of our daily supply of milk is now coming from Holland, and may contain the germs of tuberculosis or any other disease cows are subject to. Let us raise "Hell and Tommy" until the Canadian embargo is lifted.—A. G. BARKER, Green Lanes, N.21.

(*Your views are ours, excepting that we do not like the association of Hell with Tommy.*)

### Norway's Example.

In Norway, the following law exists:—All foreigners must pay 100 kroner (£5) before being allowed *to commence to offer their goods for sale.* If the foreigner leaves the country and then returns, he has to pay the same sum again. Failure to comply with this law renders him liable to a fine of 5,000 kroner (£250). Why not put a £10 tax on all commercials entering this country? Thousands are arriving weekly.—ED. COLEMAN, Bland St., Manchester.

(*Your suggestion has our cordial support.*)

### New Motor Duties.

Whilst recognising that motor vehicles must pay their proper quota for upkeep of the roads, the transfer of the duties from petrol to the car will seriously affect many ex-Service men who have invested all their capital in a motor lorry and are now called upon to find sums varying from £21 to £30 instead of paying weekly, according to work done. It would prove a great boon if the authorities could be prevailed upon to accept the duty by monthly instalments.—W. R. CODD, Claypole, Newark.

(*We see no reason why your idea should not be adopted.*),

### Coinage and Counterfeit.

In dumping the new "silver" coinage for circulation, the Treasury has once again shown the necessity for a Business Government. In this latest venture the authorities play into the hands of the counterfeiter, practically place a premium on counterfeit coin, and the ordinary individual has now no way of testing if a coin is genuine. What explanation can be offered for this glaring indiscretion? Better withdraw the new coinage at once from circulation. It should never have been issued.—J. BURKE, Dumbarton Road, Partick, Glasgow.

(*The new coinage is, in a sense, counterfeit.*)

**Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. Pilgrim.**

### The "Dame" and Dover.

In "Dame Lloyd George's" appeal to the women electors of the Dover Division to vote for Major Astor, she referred especially to "what the Coalition has done for the children." Admitting that Free Education is a boon to the poor, this Government didn't bring it in! And just now the parents' problem is how to feed and clothe the youngsters. Let the Coalition bring prices down so that we can build up our children's constitution. A hungry child will never do credit to any school! I wonder if this "Dame" has ever been hungry?—(MRS.) R. TIMMERANS, Buckland, Dover.

(*The Coalition's chief thought for some years past has been, not for the children, but for the Coalition.*)

### Whist Drives.

Why should whist drives be abolished while rich folk can enjoy their game of cards or any other game at their clubs, play for any amount of money and have any drinks they wish for? The poor have to do without the latter at whist drives. Another example of "one law for the rich and another for the poor."—H. PILGRIM, High Street North, East Ham, E.

(*It is not the rich, but the bureaucrats who are to blame.*)

### Elementary Education.

Scrap both the new Day Continuation and the old Evening Continuation Schools, and make the ordinary public elementary education both efficient and sufficient in all branches for the average worker. This can only be done by having *small* classes, where the instructor can give *individual* attention to the pupils. Next make teaching an attractive profession by paying the elementary teacher a proper salary. Base your curriculum on sane methods, and let faddists go "west." It will be cheaper, and the results will be better.—E. COWIE, Braydon Rd., Stamford Hill, N.16.

(*Smaller classes mean more teachers, and more teachers more rates. Still, we might get more for our money.*)

### Parliamentary Salaries.

Members, and particularly Ministers, can, if they will, increase the purchasing power of their present salaries *by legislating with an eye to economy.* If their present salaries do not provide a competence, incompetence is indicated.—R. CALVERT, Banwell Castle, Banwell, Somerset.

(*Some M.P.s would be dear at any price.*)

### How the Money Goes.

As a reservist, I received instruction to return my identity certificate for "re-numbering." A stamped address envelope was enclosed, and after a few days the certificate was returned, a new number on. This cost three twopenny stamps. My number was altered from 5,541 to 7,246,486, so, even up to this number, at sixpence per man, the cost in postage stamps alone is £181,162 3s. What is the total cost to the taxpayers? I wonder.—B. BRILEY, Coronation Street, Blackpool.

(*But the Post Office benefits at the cost of the War Office—so all's well!*)

### The Birth Rate.

Why is a decline in the birth rate regarded by some authorities as a national calamity? Thousands of families cannot obtain proper living quarters and most public conveyances are packed with human beings. Schools are so full of children that the present staff of teachers is inadequate, while the army of unemployed men and women is being added to daily. How "on earth" are we to accommodate and feed a still greater population?—WM. BAMBRICK, Elfort Road, Highbury, N.5.

(*In populations, as in other things, it is quality rather than quantity that is desirable.*)

### "Poor Germany!"

Our Government, in many ways, show strong sympathy with "poor Germany," whilst bit by bit they have "scrapped" the major portion of the original Peace Treaty—all because "poor Germany can't pay much in the way of reparation, indemnity, etc." Yet we read in a reliable Sunday paper that Germany is pushing the steel manufacturing business, that a big German "steel" firm, only able to pay 8 per cent. dividend last year, have this year paid 50 per cent.—A. CLEMVILLE, South View Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea.

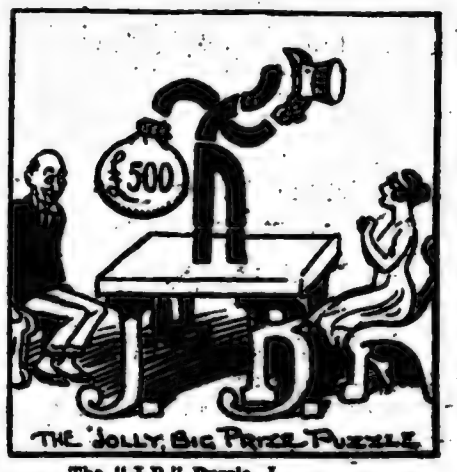
(*We noted the statement. Apparently we are to bear the full brunt of German competition, as well as that of America and Japan.*)

## "JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

George, slack about the "waste,"
Is called upon to taste
A dose that makes him moan the louder,
And that's some Poison's Dover Powder.

For India Rufus leaves—
Good wishes he receives,
To which we gladly add our voice,
Although we don't approve the choice.

That womankind should sit
On juries seems quite fit—
It is a joyful thing to see
Fair women and mere men agree!




The "J.B." Puzzle, I
Invite you all to try—
Who solves me sooner than the rest
Will win 500 of the best!

£1 1s. PRIZES will be awarded to readers sending best alternative 2-line verses for any of the articles shown below. One prize each week for each article. Any number of attempts may be sent, but each must be written on a separate postcard.

Similar Competitions in *Passing Show* and *London Mail*, in which *John Bull* readers may compete.

# FAMILIAR PACKAGES and Trade Marks

## 54 GUINEA PRIZES.

All verses become the property of "John Bull." Decision of Advertisement Manager to be final. Address: Familiar Packages No. 2, Advt. Dept., "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.

Latest date for this week: Jan. 25.

Messrs. Nestlé will award an extra Guinea each to the winners of "Nestlé's" and "Idea! Milk" couplets.

*Sharp's Super Kreem Toffee is well to the fore.*
*Once you have tried it you're bound to want more.*

*The Cosmos Lamp and Label should be used by everyone*
*Who in face of soaring prices is resolved he'll not be "done."*

"Kiwi"

*The Quality Boot Polish*

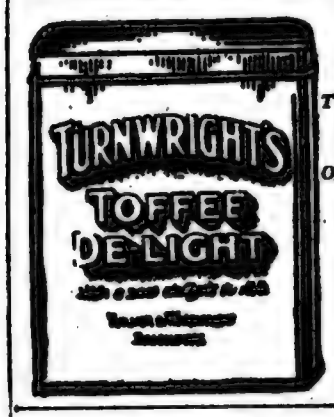
*The moon is bright and so's the sun,*
*But "KIWI" outshines either one.*

Any shade of Brown desired and Black of all Dealers.

*The Drummer Dyes are simple, fast and true,*
*For silk or wool or cotton—any hue!*

DRUMMER DYES

*Halve the Dress Bill.*




*There is pleasure and health in every bite*
*Of TURNWRIGHT'S famous Toffee Delight.*

*A maiden's smile will always win a man's heart in a tick.*
*But when she's wed she wisely lets Creamola do the trick.*

CREAMOLA

*The Queen of Custards.*

DRI-PED REG?

The Super Leather for Soles.

*Never mind the weather!*
*Soles of "DRI-PED" leather*
*Keep out the wet and cold.*
*Light, flexible and strong*
*Wear more than twice as long—*
*Have <u>your</u> boots DRI-PED soled.*

See the "DRI-PED" diamond, stamped in purple, every few inches on each sole. There is no unstamped "DRI-PED."

*Two dainty, wholesome sweets there are that every sweet-shop sells.*
*They're known to fame as "CLARNICO CREAM AND LILY CARAMELS."*

*See! Mackintosh's Tin of Joy—*
*That pleases grown-up, girl and boy!*

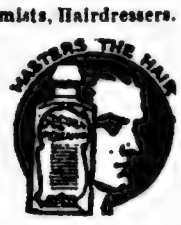
*Though your hands may be covered with grease and with grime,*
*GRE-SOLVENT will cleanse them in less than no time.*

ANZORA

CREAM AND VIOLA

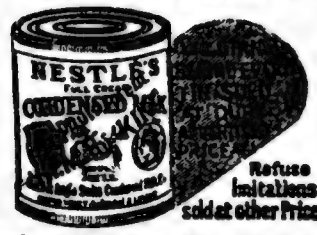
Both Master the Hair.

1/6 & 2/6, from all Chemists, Hairdressers.




*Anzora is the friend of man,*
*It masters hair like naught else can.*

NESTLÉ'S GUARANTEE




Refuse Imitations sold at other Prices.

Cash Prices 8½d. & 1/4½ Per Tin.

*Let Nestlé's be your milkman, for then you can be sure*
*Your milk supply will always be quite fresh and rich and pure.*

*Butter's reputation's gone—*
*Housewives now spread BRITO on.*

BRITO MARGARINE

*The Nation's Choice.*

*There's a rush for the tube every day wet or fine.*
*But the Eucryl tube is the favourite line.*

IDEAL MILK

6½d. Per Tin.

1/- Per Large Tin.

**MILK, whole MILK, and nothing but MILK, three times richer in cream than ordinary milk.**

*REFUSE IMITATIONS.*

*Ideal Milk makes housewives happy.*
*Their husbands, too, are never "snappy."*

*A cup of Bovril now and then*
*Is welcomed by the wisest men.*

JOHN BULL PENS.

"J.B." Pens are equal in every respect to the very much higher priced pens so extensively advertised.

*Writing's a pleasure to anyone when*
*They're using a "JOHN BULL" Fountain Pen.*

# *TO TRADERS.*

## A Great Window-Dressing Competition.

Particulars are given on Page 7

*Your gramophone will give more joy*
*If Winner Records you employ.*

*All correspondence relating to financial matters should be addressed to the City Editor.*

# JOHN BULL IN THE CITY.

## ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

By OUR CITY EDITOR.

*Each inquiry must bear name and address and be accompanied by a Postal Order for One Shilling.*

**Idle, But Cheerful.**

Truly, business on the Stock Exchange is at a very low ebb, and it needs a lot of the Mark Tapley spirit to be cheerful under the circumstances. But Throgmorton Street is the one place in the world where "Hope springs eternal," and while some of the dealers in it do not earn enough to pay for their lunches, they can usually convince themselves that things will be better to-morrow or the day after. They refuse to be downhearted for long at a stretch, and possibly that is why they nearly always come on top. There has been plenty to depress them since the holiday season set in, but they put up a good show every now and then just to prove that they are still alive. As I said a fortnight ago, the turn is about due, and I am optimistic enough to predict that it will arrive very soon—the sooner the better for the House.

**Niger Valuation.**

It will be recalled that Lever Bros. last year purchased the Ordinary shares of the Niger Co. at £6 10s. each, thereby capitalising them at over £8,000,000, and with the recent issue of notes the total capital valuation is raised to 12¼ millions. From the report just issued for the year 1919 it appears that, while the trading profits showed a very large increase, the directors have decided not to pay a dividend on the Ordinary shares owing to the heavy fall in the value of West African produce and the poor prospects with regard to the operations in 1920. As Lever Bros. have acquired the bulk of the shares the public are not directly interested, but even such a powerful firm as Levers cannot carry a non-paying asset of £8,000,000 without some inconvenience.

**More Local Loans.**

As the last joint issue of stock by seven provincial towns proved such a lamentable fiasco, and as money is urgently needed for various local purposes, another emission of £15,000,000 in 3 per cent. Local Loans is to be made at 50 per cent. Consequently, the money involved is only £7,500,000, and the yield will be 6 per cent. Last time a similar issue was made the underwriters were saddled with 72 per cent. of the total, but it is generally understood that they found little difficulty in placing what they did not wish to keep on their own account.

**The Telephone Scandal.**

In the great campaign against waste, which is now making such magnificent progress, there are two points in the universal agitation against the weird efforts of the Postmaster-General to increase telephone revenues that are worth emphasising. The first is that the old, despised National Telephone Co. in the last year of its operations paid £350,000 into the Exchequer in the shape of royalties. On top of that it made a profit of £1,250,000, on which income tax had to be paid. In other words, the country got a net revenue of about half a million out of the commercial working of the system.

**A Serious Loss to the Exchequer.**

After ten years' experience of nationalisation (and ten years' experience before that with regard to trunk lines) the Post Office proposes to make a loss for the current financial year of £4,000,000. Supposing the National Co. were still in command, and that it had made no progress since 1911 (a ridiculous assumption) royalties and income tax would at the present time be bringing in a net revenue of at least a million a year, as compared with a loss of four.

**Invoicing Eight Million Items.**

Of course the National Co., if it had continued to exist, would have had to raise its charges to provide for the increased cost of wages and materials. But I am perfectly certain it would not have started by abolishing "flat" rates and undertaking to keep accounts for every one of the 800 million calls with which it would have to deal at the present day. Have you any conception of what the booking, sorting and invoicing of 800 million items means? Ask Sir William Plender or any other competent accountant!.

**A Mistaken Idea.**

Think of the waste of it all—and the irritating hindrance to business! Apparently the P.M.G. has some sort of super-man's bee in his bonnet that the flat-rate subscriber multiplies unnecessary calls merely for the pleasure of getting them for nothing. To make the punishment fit the crime he should be compelled to spend a month or two as telephone clerk in a succession of fairly busy offices. It might cure him of the idea that telephone calls are made for the fun of the thing.

**A Serious Side to the Matter.**

Of course there is a very serious side to the outrageous exactions of the Post Office which seems to be designed to create another huge establishment of useless clerks, while at the same time putting fresh obstacles in the way of business. To take the Stock Exchange as an example. A large proportion of its dealings must be done by telephone, and the additional expense and increased irritation will infallibly lead to the Department making heavier losses instead of earning profits.

**Guard Your Health**

at this treacherous season when Influenza and Colds are prevalent which undermine one's health. This can be avoided by fortifying and toning up the system with

**WINOX**
WINE FOOD

**The Great Health Maintainer.**

Winox not only guarantees benefits, but containing 40% more tissue-building properties and 300% more Nerve food than ordinary Tonic Wines, it is far superior to all others.

**WINOX IS DELICIOUS TO THE PALATE.**

Buy a bottle TO-DAY. Once you have tried Winox Wine Food your faith in any special brand of ordinary Tonic Wine will be severely shaken.

*Obtainable from all Licensed Grocers, Chemists, and Wine Merchants.*

**WINOX LTD., RICHMOND, SURREY.**


## KEEPING OUR COLUMNS CLEAN.

### THOUSANDS OF POUNDS REFUSED.

"EVERY man takes care that his neighbour shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to take care that he does not cheat his neighbour; then all goes well. He has changed his market-cart into a chariot of the sun."

JOHN BULL stands for a straight deal—it does not cheat its neighbours or allow its neighbours to cheat you. Its "straight ad" policy, given below, has been in force over five years, and during that time hundreds of thousands of pounds' worth of advertising have been declined, so that our readers' money would be safe. Every advertisement in JOHN BULL is genuine; lying finds no place in its columns. Each page is good either for body or mind, amongst the latter bring the two competitions announced on pages 9 and 19.

THE "JOHN BULL" GUARANTEE.—*We guarantee the goods advertised by every firm whose trade announcement appears in* JOHN BULL, *i.e., we hold ourselves responsible for their being of the quality and standard represented at the time of purchase and the date of payment, either in full or of first instalment, and if any reader can show just cause for dissatisfaction with the purchase of any goods made through any trade advertisement in our columns, we will refund the purchase money, provided the goods complained of are sent to us within one week from the date of original purchase. All communications should be addressed to* JOHN BULL, *Advertisement Department, 92, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.*


**OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.**

Ex-Officers who are Members of the Association and who comtemplate investing money in business, either with or without employment, should in the first instance consult by letter the Advisory Bureau at 48, Grosvenor Square.

**MOTOR CHAR-A-BANCS.**
**FOR COMING SEASONS.**
**Annual Outings and Beanfeasts.**
*Should be hired now to avoid disappointment and obtain cheapest terms. First Class 1921 Machines.*
**PICKFORDS, LTD.,** 206, High Holborn, W.C.

**TO MEN ONLY.**

Keeping the razor keen is most men's difficulty. The ordinary strop cannot do it because steel is harder than leather. But it will put on an edge like a newly-set razor if treated to the proper abrasive. There wasn't one worth the name till recently when we accidentally discovered "Slatestone" which has a marvellous effect on steel, making shaving easy to the stiffest bearded man, as thousands testify.

**FREE TEST** Prove this at our expense. Send 6d. or 1s. for a cake and if you are dissatisfied return it, when your money plus postage will be refunded at once. "Slatestone" Razor Paste is obtainable of Ironmongers, Stores and Cutlers in 6d. and 1s. cakes, and traders are invited to send for trade terms. Write to-day to Sole Makers: County Chemical Co., Ltd., Chemico Works, Birmingham.

**BEACON OILSKINS**
**will keep you dry always.**

Men's Coats from 18/-, Ladies' from 22/6, Children's from 12/6 (2-year-old size). Adult's Sou'-westers, 2/-; Long Leggings, 6/-. All guaranteed against stickiness, leakage or dissatisfaction on money-back methods.

Illustrated List Post Free. Send p.c. for it to BARBOURS, LTD., 67, Beacon Buildings, South Shields, England.

**Germ Throwers**

are about spreading Colds and Catarrh as they sneeze, cough or speak. Always breathe through your nose. Always use NOSTROLINE nasal specific to make it germ-proof. Tubes 1/3 and 3/- all Chemists, or by post 1/5 and 3/3 from

Matthews Laboratories, Ltd., Clifton, Bristol

**NOSTROLINE**
NASAL SPECIFIC

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COMPANY MEETING.

## CALDWELL'S PAPER.

**First-Rate Modern Mills.**

A complimentary dinner was given on the 8th inst. to the staff and employees of Caldwell's Paper Mill Company, Ltd., at the works, Inverkeithing, Fife, to celebrate the acquisition by the company of the well-known Inveresk Paper Mills. Sir Robert Carlyle (Chairman of the company) presided over a gathering of some 500 people.

Lord Morris submitted the toast of the "Imperial Forces of the Crown," which was replied to by Mr. J. R. Menzies.

Mr. William Elgin, proposing the toast of "Caldwell's Paper Mill Company, Ltd.," said the history of this company formed one of the romances of industry. The first picture he had in his mind was of a tea merchant in London with a vision beyond his own business forming the idea of starting an undertaking on the site of that mill. He had to face competition, and, unfortunately, his project came to an end. In 1893 the Caldwell Bros. came on the scene and made steady progress till in 1913 a catastrophe in the shape of a fire occurred, which burned the whole mill down. This looked like an overwhelming catastrophe, but the Board at that time planned out and resurrected the present mill, and since 1914 they have gone on increasing it and bringing it up to what might be called one of the foremost mills in the country. (Applause.)

The Chairman, who replied, said: During the last few months I have travelled a good deal in this country and abroad, and have seen a great many mills. Some of the mills I have seen are of very high standing, and very few visitors are admitted. I am not an expert in the paper trade, but it does not require an expert to see that this mill is well laid down and well run, and I can say that I have seen very few mills which at all come up to this mill, and I have seen none which is better. (Applause.) I need hardly say that this could not have been achieved unless we had a very able managing director in Mr. Alex. Smith. Mr. Smith deserves the greatest credit for the way he has turned the disaster of 1913 into a success, and has converted an old-fashioned, poor mill into a first-rate modern one. (Applause.) Sir Robert added that the company would be greatly strengthened by its acquisition of the famous old Inveresk Mills, which turned out a quality of paper which was without rival in the trade. (Applause).

Mr. William Harrison, in submitting the toast of "The Paper Trade," said:—The paper trade of this country is one of the four leading trades in the country, a fact which people do not seem to realise. During the last three months I have been sleeping either on steamers or in railway carriages, travelling on the Continent of Europe, including Scandinavia, on some occasions accompanied by my esteemed friend Sir Robert Carlyle. I spent in August and the early part of September of last year practically a month in Germany. The competition from that country at that time was insignificant. I found in August the mills in Germany closed for want of coal. Since then I have been in Scandinavia, and I have again been twice in Germany and in Belgium, because we have got to be alert in these days as directors of undertakings of this kind. We have to be alert because the Government have been so slow to realise that if the greatest vigilance is not exercised there will be a great and growing amount of unemployment in this country. I am not a politician. I do not want to be dragged into politics, but it is only right that in addressing the workers in this company that I should speak fearlessly and frankly. What is the position of Germany to-day? I was in Germany in December and I saw a vast difference between the Germany of August and the Germany of December. Factories were going at night. Many of our factories are not even going in the daytime. That certainly should not be. Let us look at the situation so far as the paper trade is concerned. The German mark, which was 20 to the £ when war broke out, is to-day 260 to the £. The German manufacturer is by this fact placed in a position to paralyse the industry of this country and the large amount of unemployment that is prevalent to-day is to a great extent due to the false position of the German and other Continental exchanges.

Might I, in conclusion, just say that given fair play and equal conditions, even unequal conditions of 33 per cent., the British paper trade should have nothing to fear from any mill on the Continent of Europe. We want optimism in this country, not pessimism. Let us have a little bit more of the spirit that won the war. Personally, I think the best thing the Government could do for 1921 would be to let us have a respite from excessive taxation.

Captain R. D. Oldham, M.C., representing the Inveresk Mill, expressed thanks to Mr. Harrison for the many interesting things he had said in regard to their trade. He knew that the representatives of both the Inverkeithing and Inveresk Mills were very pleased to know that the well-earned reputation of both these mills had passed into the capable hands of such a body of men as their new directors. (Applause).

The Provost of Inverkeithing, Sir H. Foster, Mr. Alex. Smith and Mr. McCrow (directors) were among the other speakers.

## AN OPPORTUNITY THAT MAY NEVER OCCUR AGAIN.

ACT BEFORE JANUARY 31.

Owing to the peculiar trade conditions prevailing at the present time, a most extraordinary opportunity has arisen for the purchase of genuine Scotch Home Spuns.

The famous Seaforth Weaving Institute, which employs disabled sailors and soldiers, has accumulated large stocks which it is absolutely essential to dispose of in order to keep these men employed.

There is an opportunity now to purchase the finest Scotch Tweeds the world produces at prices which are far below the actual cost of production. Those who have a keen sense of a really good bargain will take advantage of this opportunity while there is yet time.

Good Scotch Tweed is always serviceable, always valuable and, at this time, is not only a wonderful bargain, but a sound investment.

Many women will be shortly preparing for their Spring costumes and there is no finer material for these than genuine Scotch Home Spuns. Men who wish to order sporting suits for the summer, again, cannot do better than secure some of this material at the present phenomenally low prices.

In order to clear their accumulated stocks the Seaforth Weaving Institute are making the unprecedented offer of special costume lengths of 9 yards (28 inches wide) for 30s.

It is amazing that sufficient material of this quality to make a costume or a sporting suit could be obtained for the price of a box of cigars. As stocks are limited the present offer can be kept open only until supplies are exhausted. The Tweeds which are being offered are made in a wide variety of beautiful and exclusive patterns.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT TO JOHN BULL READERS.

As a special concession to JOHN BULL readers, we have decided to make a 5 per cent. discount (1s. in the £) to JOHN BULL readers on all orders received before the last post on January 31, 1921, provided that stocks are not exhausted before that date.

Readers of JOHN BULL should apply immediately for a liberal selection of patterns of these genuine Scotch Home Spuns. It should be stated whether the materials are required for ladies' or gentlemen's wear.

For those who desire it, arrangements can be made for materials to be "made-up."

Please write to-day, mentioning JOHN BULL, to THE SEAFORTH WEAVING INSTITUTE, 28, Great Pulteney Street, London, W. (two minutes from Piccadilly Circus).


WRIGLEY'S

Three Flavours

IN all winds and weathers there's no comrade of the wheel like WRIGLEY'S. In rain or shine, WRIGLEY'S keeps one feeling fit and fine. The longer the road, the longer does WRIGLEY'S last. When food and drink are miles away, WRIGLEY'S prevents hunger and thirst, and sustains the energies and spirits in the most wonderful way.

The biggest and cheapest emergency ration in all the world is WRIGLEY'S, and Motorists have the choice of three flavours, as they are

SOLD EVERYWHERE EN ROUTE

3D PER PACKET. (½d. per Stick)

SEALED TIGHT — KEPT RIGHT

The Flavour of Crushed Ripe Fruit

Mint Leaf Flavour.

The Flavour Lasts!

WRIGLEY'S Ltd. London, S.E.1

The Flavour of Crème de Menthe

Famous since 1740.

A Glass at Bedtime is a Splendid Sedative.

STONE'S GINGER WINE

In bottles, from Licensed Grocers, etc., and sold by the glass at all bars, buffets, theatres, etc.

Be sure you get STONE'S—Look for the NAME on the label.

*If any difficulty in obtaining, write to—*

The Proprietors, Stone's Ginger Wine, Finsbury, London

# TOMMY, JACK, AND BADGERS.

**OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheese-paring, shall go unchallenged or unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.**

**Civilians Over All**:—The officer in charge of workshops, R.A.S.C., at May's Market, Belfast, has issued the following order:—"All soldiers under the rank of corporal while in these workshops must take orders from civilian foremen." Are there not sufficient military foremen to go round?

**Religion in the Army**:—A new Army Order amends the King's Regulations regarding the classification of religious denominations in the Army by providing that a soldier will be classified, for all purposes, in accordance with his own declaration on the subject, under one of the following denominations: Church of England; Presbyterian; Roman Catholic; Wesleyan; Baptist; Congregationalist; Primitive Methodist; United Methodist; Jewish; or other denomination as stated by the soldier. No fancy religions allowed!

**The General's Assurance**:—Writing regarding our paragraph concerning an undue issue of bully and biscuits here and there in Ireland, General Macready suggests that we are "not well posted in military matters"! He tells us that he has "never heard any complaints on the subject." This we do not doubt, as most of his orderly officers in the four provinces of Ireland turn a deaf ear to the complaints they are supposed, according to King's regulations, to listen to.

**The General's Joke.**—The gallant General winds up his remarks by stating that "it is a distinct advantage to the young soldier to initiate his digestion into the peculiarity of the rations he will enjoy when he goes to war." Good! But how often does the General tickle his own palate with over plus war rations that narrowly escaped the ignoble role of being turned into macadam for the repair of French roads?

**A Holiday**:—It is announced that there will be no training for the Army Reserve, Class I., during 1921-22. The fellows forming the reserve will view this order with very mixed feelings.

**Tommy Rot**:—Still the make-yourself-useful crowd at the War Office are at it and drawing their bloated pay. The Royal Irish Rifles, with their 16 battle honours, have, much against their will, been turned into the Royal Ulster Rifles. The other day they showed their resentment by having a mock funeral and burying their old honoured title. Now another regiment has been granted grass-green facings instead of white—although facings are not used with khaki. What a farce it all is! The Anti-waste people must have a run through the War Office.

**Jack's Money**:—Salvage awards are ready for distribution for the following services:—Salvage of s.s. *Zeno* by H.M. Tugs *Pert* and *Sprite* and Dockyard Working Party between the 31st July and 3rd August, 1917. Salvage of s.s. *Brighton* by H.M. Trawlers *Stanley Weyman*, *Sasoria* and *Derby*, H.M. Tugs *Aetna*, *Rover*, *Atalanta III*, *Assurance*, *Industrious*, *Trustful*, *Wapiti* and *Fortitude*, Yard Craft Lighter No. 23 and Working Parties from H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, between the 18th and 29th April, 1918; salvage of s.s. *Oceanien* by H.M.S. *Cornflower*, on the 4th September, 1918; and salvage of s.s. *Baymingo* by H.M. Tug *St. Botolph*, between the 17th and 21st August, 1919.

**Our Daily "Thank You"**:—From W. A., Birmingham:—"Please allow me to tender my grateful thanks for your efforts concerning arrears of pension. After having written lots of letters and waited many weary months I appealed to you, and within a few days the voucher for arrears arrived. I am very glad to tell you that owing to your very kind assistance I have been able to settle all my debts. Please find enclosed £1 for your Fund."

## RACING NOTES.

*(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters will be dealt with in the correspondence columns of the* SPORTING LIFE.)

**National Jockeys.**

The two riders having the best record over the Liverpool country are J. R. Anthony and T. Hulme, and it will be of interest therefore to know that these very capable horsemen have already been retained to ride Always and Clonree respectively in this year's Grand National. The race has closed with a mammoth entry, and we shall find a group of horses on the 9 st. 7 lb. mark that may as well remain in their stables for what chance they can have.

**Always' Weight.**

Owing, we presume, to transport difficulties the French cracks are missing. More is the pity, for Troytown's Paris conqueror of last year would have kept Always' weight down. The latter may now receive about 11st. 9 lb. If he gets less the race will be ruined from a betting view-point. Six to one is now the best price obtainable about him.

**WEEK'S SELECTIONS.**

NEWBURY—WEDNESDAY.
Weyhill Handicap Hurdle—*MASCOMDE.
Sefton Steeplechase—HABTON.
United Services Cup—BLAZERS.

NEWBURY—THURSDAY.
Winchester Steeplechase—CULPRIT.
Moderate Hurdle—GOOD POINTS.
Ogbourne Steeplechase—*HOLDCROFT.

LINGFIELD—FRIDAY.
Burston Steeplechase—CRICKET.
Stayers Handicap Hurdle—AYNSLEY OF WHITE NILE.
New Chapel N. H. Flat Race—*GARRYVOE.

LINGFIELD—SATURDAY.
Eden Vale Hurdle—DENIZULU.
Weald Steeplechase—SANESO.
Tanbridge Court Hurdle—*PATLANDER.

# "The Greatest of These—"

*(Registered under the War Charities Act as the* JOHN BULL *War Sufferers' Fund.)*

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were t e following:—

**Living in Hope**:—An ex-Tommy is living with his wife and child on the unemployment dole, and another youngster is expected. His hope lies in the promise that he will be trained for a trade. We are afraid he will be disappointed, owing to Trade Union exclusiveness, but are helping him to remain an optimist.

**Very Sad**:—A poor woman lay ill, and her mother, who was in the infirmary, left that institution to nurse her. The unfortunate woman could not obtain her State insurance money, and was destitute when she applied to us.

**Equally Bad**:—The wife of a workless man was recently confined, the only other child of the union being in hospital. There were debts, and the new arrival wanted clothing. Through you, we settled the difficulties.

**Worse Still**:—The wife of a workless ex-soldier had just returned from the lying-in hospital. The eldest daughter, aged 4, is in the infirmary on the danger list, and the youngest has just been discharged from the same institution. It was a case of solid distress—such as, we know, appeals to the charitable instincts of our readers.

**The Widow's Lot**:—A widow with three helpless kiddies has been unable to work for two months through a poisoned finger. She has only 5s. a week pension on behalf of her late son, who was killed "out there." Before she called upon us she had pawned everything that could be turned into money, to keep the pot boiling.

## A FEW SAD EXTRACTS.

We present you this week with some extracts from letters received through a single post. Unfortunately they are typical of the great mass. On the whole, our "Greatest of These—" mail makes sad reading.

"Will you please let me have a little help to tide myself and mother over our present distress? Mother has no underclothing, and is in a terrible state. We have nothing more to pawn, neither rag nor stick. The last article was the kettle, which went for a shilling. I go down to the docks for work three times a day, but it is no use. In trying to carry on, I borrowed money, but cannot return it. And now the landlord threatens to turn us out. Please, for mother's sake, don't turn me down." "Having seen details of your War Sufferers Fund I take the pluck to write to you. Since I was demobilised I have found no work. I was in France and Belgium for three and a half years and have the Star. I went into debt for food for my family, and now the bailiff is after me to take me to prison for three weeks. It takes me all my time to dodge him, my wife telling him I am not in." "I am married to an ex-N.C.O. who served for over 12 years. Soon after our wedding he contracted broncho-pneumonia, and, by the way, had no pension. We lived on my savings. Now I am about to be confined; but the little savings I had (£20) have gone down with Farrow's Bank. My mother has an invalid son who has lost more than myself in the same bank, so I cannot appeal to her. Perhaps you will give me a little assistance to face my present crisis."

And so on. Some women even pawn their wedding rings, and superstitiously write about the extra bad luck the pawning will bring them. Others take their clothing, their bedding, and their little household gods to the sign of the Three Balls, and when they have nothing pawnable left they come to us in their hunger and destitution. The more we ponder over it, the grander we consider the work we are enabled to carry on through *you*.

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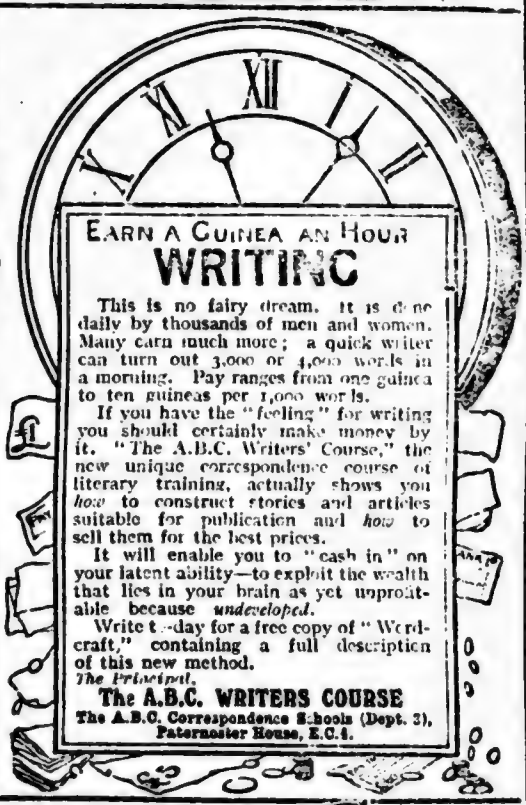


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C. A. C. (Leith).—"All drinks ought to be purchased by coupons to be obtained at any Post Office." Hech, man, that's unco risky. Suppose you stuck the coupon on a letter?

"BRITAIN FOR THE BRITISH" (Hull).—"I have just read your leader of to-day's date and it gives me the hump." You would have had the double hump if you had had to write it, old son.

S. H.—So "Hot air be my lot too" is an anagram for Horatio Bottomley, is it? And you hope we won't take offence? We won't. We're used to hot air from correspondents.

T. E. C. (London, W.C.).—"I am very pleased with old JOHN BULL." Not so much of the "old," please. We are still in our 'teens.

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F. H. (Caldy).—"Things could not be worse if we had lost the war. Did we win it?" Well, we'll go as far as to say that the Huns think we didn't quite lose it.

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"INQUISITIVE" (Reading).—No, the Great "J.B." Puzzle cannot be solved in the same way as you fill up your Income Tax forms. It's not so complicated, and you get more for your money. Have a shot for some of the £500 prize.

C. W. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—"I enclose a poem compounded by myself." Now go and lose the prescription.

J. F. (Cardiff).—If you remit even a used postage stamp for "a chain to wear with the handsome prize watch awarded you" by the Bishopsgate Trading Co., you must be solid bone from the neck up.

E. D. (Hanwell).—"I'm afraid that their feeling towards an out-of-work ex-Service man to-day is, Damn you." Dammit, you don't say so!

S. S. S. (Hamworthy).—Glad to hear that Perrin's Motor Garages, Ltd., have done the gentlemanly thing by remitting you the cost of your fare to Bournemouth.

A. P. (Larne).—"I am writing this simply from my own political interest." Don't be so beastly selfish.

"LENA" (U. Norwood).—Thanks for double acrostic in compliment to JOHN BULL. Also for kind wishes.

H. J. S. (Thornton Heath).—"It (life) is a lottery now." Quite, and we all had to take a ticket, willy-nilly.

G. B. (Hockley).—"I would like to see something moving." You should watch us on the stroke of twelve.

J. P. (Islington).—Don't be silly. You remind us of a man standing on his head and trying to pour a cough-drop into his left ear.

A. G. B. (Bridgwater).—The exclusion of dental assistants from the new Bill is certainly a hardship and against the Dental Committee's Report. Get your teeth into your M.P. about it.

T. H. (Chepstow).—"Ninety per cent. of the labour engaged at H.M. Office of Works is of Irish nationality." No Sinn Feiners, we hope?

"IDA" (Brixton).—". . . So hail 'John Bull' our citizen, Whom all so trust and love; We call upon you blessings rich, From heaven's treasure-trove!" What is your favourite flower?

J. H. (Exeter).—"I am a sound thinker, and honest withal." Then don't get found out.

"CARPENTER" (Hadleigh).—What a funny fellow you are! Of course you pay on your unemployment card to keep the staff at the Labour Exchanges who cannot find you a job.

F. E. B. (Birmingham).—Why should the Warwickshire local War Pensions Committee pay more than 45s. to an ex-Service man for acting as shorthand typist? After all, the poor devil only fought for the Committee.

H. I. (Toronto, Can.).—"There are at present 30,000 unemployed in Toronto and many a starving stomach is hidden under a sealskin coat." We should pawn the coat.

"RECORDER" (Barnet).—We note that "one article sold at 6d. the previous Saturday was priced 1s. on Christmas Eve." Only one?

A. S. W. (Yalding).—Nothing new. Have already commented on the grievance of many builders that houses commenced before 23rd Dec., 1919, do not carry the grant.

"NEMO" (Bacup).—You had only 1d. The car-fare demanded was 1½d. And you got off at once. It seems a bit fierce to give you in charge. Hadn't you been saying things?

H. S. (Leyton).—"Do write an article in your paper to the *worker* of England." Please send his address.

"UN FRANCAIS" (Manchester).—"By some mistake, a copy of JOHN BULL was delivered at our house along with the other papers." Don't call it a mistake, but a gift of Providence.

S. D. G. (Newport, U.S.A.).—"America can be depended upon to do her share." Some Americans can be depended upon to do anything—or anybody.

S. A. H. (Stamford Hill).—You have waited eighteen months for your 'phone. Patience a little longer. There will be plenty of instruments when the boycott begins.

X. Y. Z. (Chatham).—"Imagine my feelings my feelings when he told me that!" To ask us to imagine them twice is a little too much.

"SCEPTIC" (Roehampton).—Better believe too much than believe nothing.

O. T. M. (Brighton).—"One would think the Brighton Corporation was giving houses away." On the contrary, if the rents are as you state they are selling them by the ounce.

J. M. (Walworth).—What's your complaint? For goodness sake get into bed and call in the panel doctor.

"SARAH ANN" (London, N.).—Not being introduced, perhaps we had better not continue the correspondence.

V. C. (New York).—Go to! De Valera and Mrs. MacSwiney, being representatives of a great fighting country, must stay at swagger hotels.

"LITERARY" (Chiswick).—Can't say why so many poets grow long hair. Perhaps it is because they can't afford to have it cut.

"DENIS" (Bournemouth).—The only draughts we rightly understand are in our neck; but we will try to get the solution for you.

D. R. S. (Harringay).—"What advice would you give my son, 15, now about to start earning his living?" Tell him to blow his own trumpet and make a thundering noise with it.

F. R. C. (Plumstead) is natually angry and sore because the Master Ship Repairers' Association are reducing joiners' wages 12s. a week. Perhaps the other alternative is to put 'em out of work.

A. W. (Hampstead).—We have no means of judging on the mere ad. "£1 a week and good commission" may mean any wage a live man can make it. On the other hand——.

"FO'CASTLE" (Norfolk, U.S.A.).—We don't agree. If the Yank at Aldershot didn't like the tea and the King got him coffee, we think H.M. a good sportsman. He'd have got him beer if he'd asked for it.

"TOMMY" (Woodstock).—Your lottery loan scheme for house-building reads well at a glance, but the Government are too good for lotterics.

"MARGARET" (Cardiff).—Postcard received. What's it about?

S. N. (Whitby).—Do you means Faber's lines: "For right is right, since God is God, And right the day must win"? But what a long, long way it so often is to the winning!

"PRESTONIAN" (Lancs.) maintains that many poor dentists are cleverer than those able to afford college training, and ought to be protected.

E. F. (Eastbourne).—To pay your son 8s. for three weeks' disablement pay is not squandering money recklessly. Didn't the Society throw in a little cheap advice on investing it?

F. J. C. (Belfast).—"I can only get people jobs." Eureka! You're the man we all want! A nice "cushy" billet for ours, please.

E. A. H. (Johannesburg).—"Lloyd George, in my estimation, has done wonders for one individual." That one individual being Ll. G., eh?

T. E. G. (Langley).—So you are not related to the young brute Joseph Genner, of Bishop Auckland, who was fined for cruelty to a little boy. We never said you were.

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## WHAT OUR READERS SAY.

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## *LETTER BAG.—(Continued).*

"PATER" (Thornton Heath).—"My daughter went . . . to buy a shaving set." Wouldn't it be safer if she pulled them out?

E. E. (Derby).—Hard lines. Gilbert said long ago that the policeman's lot is not a happy one, and we may add even the lesser lot—his pension.

"POLSY" (Cardigan).—"Your candid opinion of the accompanying lines." But why lose a friend?

"RESIDENT" (Southend).—The Sunday concert at the Pavilion in aid of the Mayor's fund for unemployed ex-Service men was praiseworthy. But why refuse Sunday concerts for other deserving objects?

"NERVOUS" (Lancaster).—Take the job; the firm will soon find out whether you can do it. The curse of most people is self-consciousness.

J. B. (London).—"The Poet Laureate I should love to meet, in my beautiful garden up here." Why not ask him in and give him the nettle?

"ANXIOUS" (Petersfield).—"Is it possible for electric vibrations established through outer influences to record and transmit internal sounds into a distance to the detriment of privacy of occupants?" Don't you worry about 'em, anyway.

R. H. S. (Middlesbrough) feels sure Mr. J. Endean Rowe, aged 28, is the "youngest Town Councillor in England." Anybody feel sure he isn't?

J. HELFRICH (Olympic Club, San Francisco, Cal.), apparently a semi-German gent, writing about the burning of Cork, asks: "What have you and your dirty crowd got to say for themselves?" We have to say that he can go to—Berlin.

J. B. (Kimberley, Notts).—"I think this is a damdable shame." The new cuss word has been duly noted.

A. H. C. (Erinsdale, Manitoba).—You cannot stop the American Press from bragging. Wait until the mail comes in with JOHN BULL in order to learn the truth.

"ENGLISH ROSE" (London).—It is possible your nose would improve in the "nose machine," but we shouldn't care to go to bed in it.

V. G. (Brighton).—Can't make out what's the matter with some of you since Christmas. If you'd eaten less you might be smiling more.

"SANITARIAN" (Seaton).—"Should butchers be allowed to wrap meat in soiled newspapers?" No. But that is better than wrapping soiled meat in clean newspapers.

"READER" (Brighton).—"My doctor insisted on putting something nasty on my record card." Cheer up, sonny! Those Latin terms are not so horrid as they look. It's one of the tricks of the trade.

F. D. (Clapham).—"I have often thought that some of my Bullets were 'hot stuff.'" So hot that we've had to drop them.

A. T. K. (Wandsworth Common).—"I read . . . about large sums of money being paid to girls for just being pretty." Tush! That has been done since the world was young.

F. S. (West Sussex).—Some Eastern country has a proverb to the effect that where the Devil hesitates to go, he sends his assistant. An underling's job is always unpleasant.

"CERT" (Pimlico).—Not only are your verses incapable of improvement, but we doubt whether anyone could make them worse.

A. L. H. (Barmouth).—Being rather fond of the birds, we hate, like you, to read of cruelty to ducks.

"FED UP" (Portsmouth).—"re England going dry." Don't get the wind up. Pussy has been repulsed.

"LEX" (Dover).—"In dealing with the attached, please be merciful. It is my first effort, and I quite expect it will be my last." Having recovered consciousness, we can tell you the next one will.

E. D. (Ealing Common).—That Yankee notion, *The Golden Age*, does not interest us one darn. It's the Golden Wage we're keen on seeing restored.

R. P. H. F. (Chard).—Agreed that it is less reprehensible to steal a loaf than to let flour rot.

J. B. (Musselburgh).—"Townshend, the hero of Kut, Found all Britain's honour-shops shut; But 'The Day' has now come, For in Wrekin he'll ham, And Winston will get a cracked nut."

L. T. C. (Rotherham).—This editor is only a diet expert when he has to deal with his own little Mary. Some people could digest firewood.

F. W. L. (Birmingham) and C. R. (Hereford).—Your cases are extremely hard. We feel impelled to parody the famous remark on Liberty during the French Revolution: "O, Pension! What crimes are committed in thy name."

"LEGALNESS" (Minchead).—The girl orphans we are most interested in are those sweet young things of seventeen upwards.

MRS. L. M. M (London, S.W.).—"Is it not time we insisted on all German toys being stamped 'Made in Germany'?" They certainly should be stamped on.

W. E. J. (Southwell).—"Will you please forward the enclosed poem to the proper address?" Delighted. It got there in about a second.

H. R. (Notting Hill Gate).—"What could be better than so many boys in each school being taught a different language?" But wouldn't it make a deuce of a noise?

S. D. B. (Launceston).—The Launceston Borough Bench, by refusing a licence for the Lamerton Hunt Ball, made themselves supremely ridiculous. But the teetotal fanatic is always that.

R. L. (Brentford, Middlesex).—Sorry we cannot solve your poser, son, in the absence of our Conundrum Editor, lost in the labyrinth of his Income-tax calculations.

"WORKMAN" (Ealing).—Don't talk of "the reason why." Leave "why" out and you save ink and breath.

R. J. H. (East Croydon).—You surely don't place a man who has lost a finger, and got another that is stiff, in the category of the disabled? He is better off than a Manx cat.

"REGULAR READER" (Peckham).—"While walking down Queen's Road, Peckham . . ." Yes, yes; but the Old Kent Road for us, every time.

A. B. (U.S.A.).—"Read 'Seven Years of Daniel' in the *North American Review* for the truth about the American Navy." And "A Decade or Two of Jeremiah" for the merits of the present Government?

J. R. B. (London, E.C.).—If we catch anybody pulling down houses, whether to enlarge a park or not, we shall promptly request him to desist.

***(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)***

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Messrs. Godfrey Phillips, Ltd., announce a new football competition of great interest to JOHN BULL readers. Whilst it is altogether different to the JOHN BULL football competition, it is exceedingly interesting to all lovers of the sport.

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| GOVERNMENT'S FAILING | THE MISSING LINK | POET LAUREATE | LONG WAY OFF |
| WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS | MARY ANN | MAN ABOUT TOWN | NOTHING TO LAUGH AT |
| A GOOD REFEREE | NOT MUCH USE | FIRST JOB | THE REAL STUFF |
| MRS. GRUNDY | FEW LIKE | PLAYING CRICKET | AFTER A BARGAIN |
| IN THE WORKHOUSE | AGE OF FLAPPERS | AFTER HER HEART | WHEN WOMEN TRY US |
| MOST DECEPTIVE WHEN | MY WIFE'S OPINION | BLUSHING BRIDE | JUDGE AND JURY |
| DESERVES A MEDAL | SORRY AFTER | BAND OF HOPE | FALLING IN LOVE |

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2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used, and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

## Result of 399th 'Bullets' Competition

### FIRST PRIZE OF £500:

**Mr. C. W. P. MARTIN, 38, Ballater Road, London, S.W.**

Example:—OUR DEBT.
Bullet:—"GREAT THING" TO REDUCE.

### SECOND PRIZE OF £50:

**Mr. P. GEAREY, 60, Naseby Road, Luton, Beds.**

Example:—UNPREPARED.
Bullet:—WITH SUGAR, BOTTOMLEY'S PILLS.

### THIRD PRIZE OF £10:

**Mr. J. BREAKWELL, 21, Pembroke Street, Glasgow.**

Example:—REMEMBER.
Bullet:—"MUZZLING" WON'T STOP "GROWLING."

### 10 Prizes of £5 each:

Mr. G. CHANCE, 49, Upleatham Road, Saltburn: AT WESTMINSTER—MUSTN'T BURY PATRIOTISM TOO.
Mr. W. GRAY, Woodside, Witton Park, Durham: TINO'S RETURN—PROMPT—IS KAISER PROMPTER?
Mr. H. LEE, 95, Pearson Grove, Hyde Park, Leeds: ON THE RUN—ABROAD, WON'T CURE UNEMPLOYMENT.
Mr. W. HATT, Tuscan Cottage, Cove, Farnborough: PARTY HACKS—FIND "DOVER BREEZES" RELAXING.
Mr. G. BLAIR, 41, Harrogate Street, Barrow-in-Furness: OVER IN IRELAND—YOU DON'T FIND GOVERNMENT.
Mr. J. BEST, 4, Manor Road, Bowes Park, London: HERO WORSHIPPERS—NOT RUSSIAN FLAPPERS ANYHOW.
Mr. W. CHAMPION, c.o. Mrs. White, High Street, Dulverton: UNPREPARED—REPLY—OFTEN THE TRUTH.
Mr. T. READ, Brockley Whins Station, Boldon Colliery, Durham: OVER IN IRELAND—VILLAGE CONSTABLE ISN'T DULL.
Mr. J. EVANS, 23, Russell Street, Llanelly, South Wales: IN HER PLACE—NOT IN FOOTBALL TOGS.
Mr. M. HOYLE, 34, Caldercliffe Road, Huddersfield: REMEMBER—OR TOMMY'S CHILDREN MAY.

### 10 Prizes of £2 10s. each:

Mr. R. W. MORRISON, Clifford Building, Buchlyvie, Stirling: THE RED LIGHT—JAPAN'S "RISING SUN" NOW.
Mr. G. H. ARMITAGE, 70, King Street, Normanton, Yorks: A GOOD SIGN—WHEN SHAREHOLDERS WON'T SELL.
Mr. E. MORGAN, Bryn-Celyn, Moylegrove, St. Dogmaels, Pem.: OPEN TO ALL—ANOTHER RACE IN ARMAMENTS.
Mr. W. BROWNHILL, 56, Liverpool Road, Burslem: GREEDY—TAXATION "EATING UP" EVERYTHING.
Mr. J. BRACEGIRDLE, 201, Doncaster Road, Wath-on-Dearne, Rotherham: COLD SNAP—DOCTORS "RUB THEIR HANDS."
Mrs. J. BROWN, 4, Lorraine Road, Holloway, N.: PARTY HACKS—WAIT PATIENTLY "ON RANK."
Mr. W. B. CARTER, 90, Barton Road, Dover: IN HER PLACE—TOMMY—IF EQUALLY CHEAP.
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Mr. J. ROBINSON, 19, Bedford Road, Harrow: ON THE WARPATH—NEUTRALS—FOR PEACE PROFITS.
Mr. W. BROWN, Church Road, Broadstone, Dorset: UNDER THE MISTLETOE—NO SHELT[illegible]ROM RAIDS

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## ONLY USE COUPONS TAKEN FROM THIS WEEK'S ISSUE.

THE sum of £750 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct results of the 14 matches given. If 14 correct results are not given, the £750 will be awarded to the sender of the most correct results, so that in any event the £750 **MUST BE WON.** We would advise competitors to make a careful study of football form before filling in their coupons **Scottish and Irish readers can compete.** Competitors may send in as many coupons as they like.

## NO ENTRANCE FEE! NO GOALS REQUIRED!

**READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.**

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from this week's issue of "JOHN BULL." Coupons must be completely filled in with ink in ordinary hand writing (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £750 (seven hundred and fifty pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct results of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £750 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with the most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided among the most successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £750. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded.

**HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.**

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a Draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." **Only one X must be entered for each match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupons. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than January 27th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: **Football Competition No. 18, "John Bull," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2.** Write "Football" in the top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other competitions.

**COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.**

### "JOHN BULL" FREE CUP-TIE COUPON.

Matches to be played on Saturday, January 29th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, January 27th.

| Home Team | | Away Team | Home | Away | Draw |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Newcastle Un. | v. | Liverpool | | | |
| Tottenham H. | v. | Bradford City | | | |
| Bradford | v. | Huddersfield Town | | | |
| Derby County | v. | Wolverhampton W. | | | |
| Notts County | v. | Aston Villa | | | |
| Preston N. E. | v. | Watford | | | |
| Brighton & H. | v. | Cardiff City | | | |
| Lincoln City | v. | Fulham | | | |
| Southend Un. | v. | Blackpool | | | |
| Crystal Palace | v. | Hull City | | | |
| South Shields | v. | Luton Town | | | |
| Grimsby Town | v. | Southampton | | | |
| Swansea Town | v. | Plymouth Argyle | | | |
| Swindon Town | v. | Reading or Chelsea | | | |

☞ **Coupons must be cut—not torn out.**

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding

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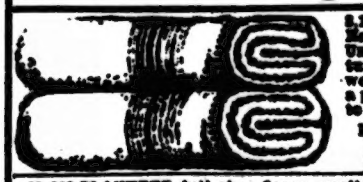

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| £2 10 0 | £1 7 6 |
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